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U.S. MINT

LETTERS

No. 21

MARCH 8th 1878
To MAY 10th 1878.

No. 21 –
March 8, 1878,
to May 10, 1878 –

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March 8 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 7th inst, per the Adams Express Co, has been received.

I have no authority under the law, to pay out or exchange the new silver dollars. Your application should be made to the Secretary of the Treasury.

We shall not begin to strike the new silver dollars until about the 14th or 15th inst, the working dies not yet being ready.

The $200, in gold certificates enclosed in your letter, are herewith returned to you by the Adams

Express, Please acknowledge their receipt.

Proof specimens of the new dollar will be ready in about three weeks. The price will be $1.50 each, in currency.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Geo. Ashley, Esq
Chief of Coin Division,
U. S. Asst. Treas. Office
New York.

March 8 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward,

1. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited during the month of Feby 1878.

2 Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion during the month of Feby 187

Also. Statement of Gold and Silver Bars manufactured during the same period.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

March 8th 8

Gentlemen:

I enclose Check No. 6880 for \$5424^{20} Gold Coin, being payment in full for Silver Bullion purchased @ 120$\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per oz. fine: Also Check No 6881 for \$31.653$^{\underline{54}}$ for payment on Silver now delivering, at \$1.2057 per ounce fine, total amount of Checks enclosed being Thirty Seven Thousand and Seventy Seven 74/100 (37.077$^{\underline{74}}$) Dollars.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crowell
Supt

Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

March 8th 8

Sir

I draw this day in favor of J & W. Seligman & Co. Check No. 6880, for $ 5424.20 and No. 6881 " $ 31.653.54, Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. T. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

March 8   8

Sir,

Your letter of the 7th inst. is received.

The Mint makes assays of ores, for gold and silver only, at a charge of $5. currency, prepaid for each specimen assayed.

Half a pound of the mineral will be sufficient if a fair average sample. We cannot promise a report under two weeks.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Sup.

Mr.

Nathan B. Kunkel.

Albany, Berks Co

Pa.

March 8 8

Sir

I herewith forward statements of the Melter & Refiners Bullion operations, and Gold and Silver Meltings, for the month of February 1878.

We are entirely out of printed blanks for the Melter & Refiners statements of Bullion operations. Can we be supplied?

Very Respectfull

Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Mch 8 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst. has been received.

A Trade dollar weighs 420 grains and is 900 fine; that is 900 parts pure metal, and 100 parts alloy.

Half dollars of 1872, are 900 fine, and two of them weigh 384 grains.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
Jacob Wirth
Boston
Mass

March 8th 8

Sir.

The Messrs. Seligman have now completed their delivery of the first purchase of 200.000. Ozs. Silver Bullion @ 120¾ c. per ounce fine, with the following result i.e.

Invoice Wt.	Fine Wt.	Value.
Ozs. 200.037.23	Ozs. 199.746.12	$ 241.194.25

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 7th inst, transmitting a number of your circulars of the 6th inst for the purchase of silver bullion.

They will be promptly distributed to dealers in silver bullion in this City, according to your directions.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Mch 9 8

Sir.

Yours of the 6th inst is received.

There were never any cents issued from this Mint containing gold.

The only illustrated coin book I know of is that about being issued by John C. Dye, 605 Walnut St this City, with whom you can correspond for particulars.

Hon. Jas. Ross Snowden, of this City, published a work on coins some years since, with some illustrations. They are for sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co. Market above 7 St. Phila. Very Respectfully,

Jas Pollock
Supt.

Mr. H. S. Keables.
Pella. Iowa.

March 9 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending March 9. 1878.

Very Respectf. ly

Jas Crawford

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Mch 9th. 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 6th inst, with its enclosures has been recvd.

I have no authority, under the law, to pay out or exchange the new silver dollars. Your application should be made to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C.

The draft on New York for $1,000. enclosed in your letter, is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

S. M.

Chas. Schriber, Cas.

Oshkosh.

Wis

Mch 9th 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 7th inst. has been received.

I have no authority under the law to sell or exchange the new silver dollars, except proof specimens, which will not be ready for several weeks yet, and the price will be $1.50 each, in currency.

The draft on New York for $5.10, enclosed in your letter, is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr. D. J. Hill.
Elyria.
Ohio.

Mch 9 8

Sir,

Your letter of the 7th inst. has been received.

All U. S. coins having the small letter S, were struck at the San Francisco Mint; with the letter C at the Carson Mint, Nevada and with the letter O, at New-Orleans. The coins struck at the Philadelphia Mint, are without any such mark.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt.

C. M. Crum, Esq

New City

N. Y.

Mch 9 8

Sir.

The Mint cannot take the silver described in your letter of the 5th inst. You can doubtless dispose of it to private refiners, that are to be found in all the large cities.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Mr.
C. E. Brown.
Florence.
Mass.

March 11th 8

Sir

I enclose statement of Sweeps for Sale for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint. Please forward your bid prior to Monday the 18th inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Dr. J. W. Tanner
Montgomery Hotel
3rd & Willow St.
Philada

March 11th 8

Gentlemen:

I enclose Statement of Sweeps for Sale for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint. Please forward bid prior to Monday, the 18th inst.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

A. W. Spear & Co.
121 Fulton St.
New York.

March 11th 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Statement of Sweeps for Sale for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint. Please forward your bid prior to Monday the 18th inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

C. S. Dennis & Sons
Newark
N. J.

March 11th 8

Gentlemen:

I enclose statement of Sweeps for Sale for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight prior to delivery, and sweeps transferred at the Mint. Please send bid on or before Monday the 18th inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

E. Balbach & Son
Newark
N. J.

March 11th 8

Gentlemen:

I enclose Statement of Drafts for Sale for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight Coin to delivery and you are requested to send your bid prior to Monday the 18th inst.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

R. Longman & Son
New York

March 11th 8

Gentlemen

I enclose statement of Sweeps for Sale for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight prior to delivery at the Mint. Please forward bid on or before Monday the 18th inst.

Very Respectfully
Supt.

Messrs. Howard & Mohle
No. 1 John St.
New York

March 11th 8

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 9th inst. asking that the balance of the Bullion Fund as rendered per transcript at the end of each month be stated as to the amounts in Gold Coin, Gold Bullion, Silver Coin and Silver Bullion, and if possible, the denominations of Coin, I desire to respectfully state that as the general balances of bullion and Coin on hand at any time are due to depositors, to the United States as profits, Charges &c, and to the Treasurer on Bullion Fund a/c, and these profits &c are *at times* only represented by *Bullion*, the Coin having been drawn upon for Shipments, you will readily see that to make such a statement as you have requested could be at the best but an *approximation*, as is the division of the balance reported weekly to your office and monthly to the Director. I will, however, make such approximation as close as possible, and trust it may be satisfactory.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. James. Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington. D.C.

March 11 8

Sir

I to day sent you the following telegram, which is here made official.

Coiner expects to make first delivery of new silver dollars Wednesday morning. Will send ten pairs dies to Carson next Monday, and same to San-Francisco Tuesday with collars.

I may add that the first delivery will be as large as possible, but at this stage of our operations it is not prudent to designate any particular sum. I cannot safely fix an earlier day for the shipment of the western dies, but we are crowding all sail.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
&c

We are well organized & determined to meet the demands of the law — the Treasury Authorities & the people.
J. P. Supt.

Mch 11 8

Gentlemen.

The consignment of Mexican silver dollars referred to in your letter of the 9th inst, has reached the Mint in the custody of the Adams Express Company, but the Express Agent has not yet deposited them, as he finds that they are three short only 913, instead of 916, the number stated in your letter. The will be held until we hear from you on the subject.

The enclosed circular will explain our mode of doing business.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Saml H. Travers & Son
Baltimore Md

March 11 8

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst, I herewith return voucher #74. with the bill and vouchers approved by myself as required.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Powel
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

March 11th 8

Sir

By instructions of the President of the Nevada Bank of San Francisco Cal, under date of February 28th ulto. I enclose Check No. 6882 for Three hundred and sixteen thousand, three hundred 63/100 (316.300.^{63}) Dollars, Gold Coin, for bullion purchased from that Bank by the Director of the Mint. Please return the enclosed receipts duly signed.

Very Respectfully
[illegible] Leech
Supt

Cashier of
The Bank of
New York
N.B.A

March 11th 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 6883 for Forty two thousand nine hundred and Seventy Seven 70/100 (42.977^{70}) Dollars, Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt.

Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co
New York

March 11th 8

Sir.

I draw this day Check No 6882 for $716.308.63 favor Bank of New York, and Check No. 6883 for $442.977.70 favor J & W. Seligman & Co. all for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treasurer U.S.
New York

March 12. [illegible] 8

Hon. H. B. Banning, M. C.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

I herewith return Dr. Amick's letter, as requested, and would be glad to oblige you in the matter, but it is not in my power. Only a very few specimens of the Barber design for the new silver dollar were struck for the inspection of the authorities at Washington, and there are none left. The public have been misled by unauthorized statements in the newspapers.

Yours Truly,
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

March 12   8

Gentlemen.

Our preliminary trial of No 70 Black Lead Crucibles showed such close approximation in quality, that I deem it advisable to execute my original design of making a more decisive trial of our own special form of No 70.

You will therefore please to make and forward to this Mint one hundred Black Lead Pots, rated as No 70, exactly like the crucibles made to our order and just suited to our use, in general shape, height, diameters, and thicknesses of the different parts, sample of which will be forwarded to your address.

We claim the right of rejecting those not conforming to our pattern and the balance of those deficient in quality, although we do not anticipate such inferiority.

You will further please send us, 100 Covers of No. 70.

50 Dipping Cups,

both of the precise patterns sent you in Nov 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jas. A. Green

Supt

Messrs.
J. A. Gautier & Co.
Jersey City
N. J.

March 12 8

Gentlemen.

Our preliminary trial of No. 70. Black Lead Crucibles showed such close approximation in quality that I deem it advisable to execute my original design of making a more decisive trial of our own special form of No. 70.

You will therefore please to make and forward to this Mint one hundred Black Lead Pots rated as No 70, exactly like the crucible made to our order and just suited to our use, in general shape, height, diameters, and thicknesses of the different parts, a sample of which will be forwarded to your address.

We claim the right of rejecting those not conforming to our pattern and the balance of those deficient in quality although we do not anticipate such inferiority.

You will further please send us,

100 Covers of No 70.

50 Dipping Cups,

both of the precise pattern sent you in Nov 1877.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Dixon Crucible Co,
Jersey City
N. J.

March 12   8

Gentlemen.

Our preliminary trial of No 70 Black Lead Crucibles showed such close approximation in quality, that I deem it advisable to execute my original design of making a more decisive trial of our own special form of No. 70.

You will therefore please to make and forward to this Mint one hundred Black Lead Pots, rated as No. 70 exactly like the crucible made to our order and just suited to our use, in general shape, height, diameters and thickness of the different parts, a sample of which you can procure at this Mint.

We claim the right of rejecting those

not conforming to our pattern, and the balance of those deficient in quality, although we do not anticipate such inferiority.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Robt Taylor & Co.
Philadelphia

March 12 8

Gentlemen.

Our preliminary trial of No. 70 Black Lead crucibles showed such close approximation in quality that I deem it advisable to execute my original design of making a more decisive trial of our own special form of No. 70.

You will therefore please to make and forward to this Mint one hundred Black Lead Pots, rated as No 70, exactly like the crucible made to our order and fitted to our use, in general shape, height, diameters, and thicknesses of the different parts, a sample of which you can send for to this Mint.

We claim the right of rejecting those not conforming to our pattern and the balance of those deficient in quality, although we do not anticipate such inferiority.

You will further please send us,

100 Covers of No. 70

50 Dipping Cups,

both of the precise patterns sent you in Nov. 1877.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Messrs.
Ross, Hoferkamp & Samson
Philadelphia

March 12 8

Sir:

In compliance with your letter of the 11th inst, and its enclosed Treasury draft for $1.00, gold, and your telegram of this morning, I have to day, by arrangement wit the Coiner, forwarded to you, by the Adams Express Co. three hundred (300) of the new silver dollars, and also, in cases, the first three pieces struck, one for the President, one for Secretary Sherman, and the third for yourself. I also enclose a certificate with regard to the first piece struck, which please deliver to President

Hayes.

I also enclose, for payment, the coiners bill for the 203 silver dollars not covered by your remittance.

The coiners first regular delivery will be made on Thursday.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Telegram

March 12 8–

Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

I have sent you to day by the Adams Express Company three hundred (300) new silver dollars, and three special. Letter by mail.

Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint.

March 12 8

Sir:

I have had a number of offers of Gold coin in exchange for the new silver dollars, which I was obliged to refuse. But under the authority conferred by your letter of the 11th inst, I have directed the Cashier as a general rule, to pay out silver dollars over the counter, in exchange for gold coin, in sums of not less than ten dollars in any case, nor more than One hundred dollars, except in special cases as I may deem advisable.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mint

Sir:

Your letter of the 12
has been received.

A few specimens of
designs for the new silver
were struck for the inspe
of the authorities at Washin
but these are now safely an
It is not in my power to furn
one for you. The public have
been misled by unauthorized
statements in the newspapers.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Director

Mr
G. H. Ellis,
Southbridge
Mass.

Pattern of the new dollar is
worth at $150 each.

Mch 13 8.

Sir.

Your letter of the 12th inst. has been received.

A few specimens of the Barber design for the new silver dollar were struck for the inspection of the authorities at Washington, but there are none left, and it is not in my power to furnish one for you. The public have been misled by unauthorized statements in the newspapers.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr.
E. C. Ellis,
Southbridge
Mass.

Proofs of the new dollar are ready at $1.50 each.

Mch 13 8

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 12th inst has been received.

It is not in my power to furnish you any specimens of the new silver dollars, except proofs, the price of which is $1.50 each, in currency.

The Asst Treas. U. S. at New York, will probably receive a consignment of the new dollars in a day or two.

Very Respect'fully

[illegible]

Messrs.
Kennedy, Hutchinson & Co.
New York

Mch 13 8

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst. has been received.

I have already sent you the rest of the pattern pieces that it was possible for me to furnish, and now I can only supply proof specimens of the new silver dollar at $1.50 each, in currency.

The Asst. Treas. U. S. at New York, will receive a consignment of the new dollars in a day or two.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Thos. C. Acton, Esq.
New York.

(Telegram) March 18. 1878

Hon. Jas. Gilfillan,
Treasurer United States
Washington. D.C.

Dispatch received. I will send you ten thousand new silver dollars by Express to day.

Jas Pollock
Supt. Mint

March 13th 8

Sir.

Inclosed Check No. 6884 for Two hundred and fifty thousand Dollars, Gold Coin, a payment on a/c. of the last Shipment of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco Cal.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

R. B. Ferris Esq
Cashier Bank of
New York
N.B.A.

March 13th 8

Sir

I draw this day Check No. 6884, favor Bank of New York N.B.A., for $230.000, Gold Coin, for a/c. Silver Bullion, purchased from Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal.

Very Respectfully,
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

March 13 8

Sir,

Your letter of the 12th inst, has been received,

I can furnish Senator Blaine a proof set of the current year, 1878, but it is not in my power to furnish any of former years, but which he can doubtless procure of coin dealers.

Please hand him the enclosed circular.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

March 13th 8

Sir

I have this day shipped to the Treasurer of the United States at Washington D.C. ten thousand new Silver Dollars. Will you please instruct me as to the manner in which the transportation of these and future shipments shall be paid

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Supt.

Hon. H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 10 8

Sir

In compliance with your telegraphic request of this date, I have to day forwarded to you three hundred silver dollars, by the Adams Express Co, and herewith enclose, for payment the Coiners bill for the same $300.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(Telegram) March 13. 1878

To Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Telegram received. I send you to day three hundred silver dollars by Express.

Supt. Mint.

(Telegram)

March 13. 1878

To Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Dies work satisfactorily. Coinage operations progressing smoothly. Letter by mail.

Supt. Mint

March 18 8

Sir:

Referring to the latter part of your letter of the 11th inst, I herewith enclose a report from the Coiner, that the dies are working very satisfactorily, and the coinage is progressing smoothly and rapidly.

I telegraphed you to this effect to day as requested in your letter.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

March 13 8

Sir:

A draft for the amount of my requisition for the current month has not yet come to hand, and our funds are running very low with large bills for necessary supplies coming in. Can you conveniently facilitate a remittance of the needed moneys.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Mar 14

Sir

Your mineral i

an iron ore, of inferior qua

Yours

Jas. C. Boo

Sup

Mr. E. D. Kistler

Stony Run

Pa

Mar 14 8

Sir

Your mineral is simply limestone.

Yours

Jas. C. Booth

[illegible]

Mr Joseph Black

Berwick. Col. Co. Pa

Mar 14 8

Dear Sir

Your minerals are not cinnabar, but simply varieties of clay.

Respy yours

Supt S

Mr G. H. Brayles
Osceola Mo.

March 14 8

Gentlemen.

Your letter and enclosure of the 10th inst, has been received.

I am not authorized to ship the new silver dollars, in exchange for gold drafts.

Your application should be made to the Asst Treas U. S. at New York to whom I have to day forwarded a first consignment of One hundred thousand

The draft for $100, gold coin, enclosed in your letter, is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Chas. B. Whiting & Co.
Worcester, Mass.

March 14 "

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th inst, has been received.

I am not authorized to send out the new silver dollars to private parties by Express. Your application should be made to the Asst Treas U. S. at New York to whom I have to day forwarded a first consignment of one hundred thousand.

Very Respectfully

John Sherman

Secy

Mr.
John W. Clarkson
New York

March 14 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst, has been received.

Your application for the new silver dollars should be made to the Asst Treas U. S. at New York, to whom I have to day forwarded a first consignment of One hundred thousand.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

E. Scofield, Esq. Ca.
New York.

March 14 8

Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst. was received to day.

The ore you report having sent, has never reached the Mint.

We charge $5. for each specimen of ore assayed, but only to find gold or silver, not other metals, A pound of ore is enough for an assay, if it be a fair average specimen.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr.
J. K. Brown.
Light Street
Pa.

March 14th 8

Sir

I enclose Check No. 6885 for Thirty six thousand one hundred and twenty 57/100 (36.120 57/100) Dollars Gold Coin, being the balance due the Nevada Bank of San Francisco Cal. for 555.482.89 Standard Ounces equal 499.934.60 fine ounces Silver Bullion purchased @ 120½¢ per ounce fine. Assay memorandums will be forwarded the Bank.

Very Respectfully

Supt

R. B. Ferris Esq
Cashier, Bank of
New York

March 4th 8

Sir

I drew this day Check No 6885 favor Bank of New York N.B.A. for $ 36.120.^{57} Gold Coin in full payment for Silver Bullion purchased from Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

March 14 8

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst., remitting gold draft and change $150.00 in payment for $200. silver dollars forwarded to you by Express. The currency and change was converted into gold at 1 per cent premium, which leaves $1.00 coming to us, to make up the full amount of $200, and can be remitted as you suggest.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

March 14 8

Sir:

Enclosed you will find for payment, receipted bill from the Cashier, $200. for two hundred (200) standard silver dollars forwarded to you day by the Adams Express as requested by your telegram this afternoon.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

March 15 8

Sir,

The U. S. five dollar gold piece of San-Francisco coinage enclosed in your letter of the 14th inst, for exchange, proved upon examination by our Assayer to be lessened in value by abrasion, to the amount of five cents. The Melter and Refiner accepted it as bullion at its par value as coin, and I herewith return in its place, one three dollar gold piece of 1878, and two gold dollars of the same year.

Very Respectfully

Hon.

H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint

Jas Pollock
Supt

March 15th 8

Sir.

I deem it proper to direct your attention to the fact that the Transfer Letters received from your Office during the last few days run irregularly as to their numbers, thus causing a duplication. They are as follows, ie-

No. 2995 -	dated Mar 12th	for	$1.000.
" 2995	" 13th	"	1.000.
" 2996	" 14th	"	998.34
" 2996	" 13th	"	1.000.
" 2997	" 14th	"	1.000.
" 2997	" 13th	"	999.74.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Power
Supt.

Hon. Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.

March 15 8

Sir.

With the proceeds of the currency Treasury draft for $300, enclosed in your letter of the 14th inst. to pay for 300 silver dollars forwarded to you on the 13th inst, I purchased $300. in gold coin, at the market rate 1/8 per cent premium, leaving a deficiency of thirty-seven (37) cents, which you can remit as suggested.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

March 15 8

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 14th ins- is received.

The sample crucibles referre to will be sent to you tomorro or next day.

In answer to your closing inquiry with regard to your late shipment our Melter & Refiner inform me that the pots first received were not large enough for the commercial bars, and they should have a special form like sample now forwarded. He recommen a quarter inch more interior diameter, as best adapted to our used to avoid spilling and loss. He further states that the dipping cups sent by you were very inferior in strength. The best body should be used for pots and dipping cups. The quality of covers is less important because strength is of minor consequence.

Very Respectfully

Capt.

Messrs.
J. H. Gautier & Co.
Jersey City
N. J.

March 15 8

Gentlemen.

Our Melter & Refiner informs me that the pots first received were not large enough for the commercial bars, and they should have a special form like sample now sent. He recommends a quarter inch more interior diameter, as best adapted to our use, to avoid spilling and loss. He further states that the dipping cups sent by you were very inferior in strength. The best body should be used for pots and dipping cups. The quality of covers is less important, because strength is of minor consequence,

I will send you some pattern samples to-day, or tomorrow.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Supt

The Joseph Dixon Crucible Co.
Jersey City
N. J.

March 15th 8

Sir.

I draw Check No 6886 favor J & W. Seligman & Co, for $68.228.05 Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

March 15th 8

Gentlemen:

I enclose Check No. 6886 for Sixty eight thousand two hundred and twenty eight .05/ (68.228.05/) Dollars, Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased @ $1.2057 per fine ounce.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt.

Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co.
New York

March 15 8

Gentlemen.

I herewith return your duplicate bill for $184. which cannot be paid until it is receipted by the firm, and an order endorsed on the back of each bill, and signed by the firm, authorizing some one here to collect the money on the warrant to be issued for its payment, and remit the amount to you. We only pay bills over the counter, and not by check or draft. Mr. Geo. C. Thompson, the Mint Agent of the Adams Express Co, would doubtless attend to the matter for you, if you so direct.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Messrs.
J. H. Gautier, & Co.
Jersey City
N. J.

March 16

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending March 16. 1878.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 11 [illegible]

Sir:

If they can be spared I will thank you to forward me fifty copies of your annual report for 1876. They are in demand, and I can make a good use of them.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.
D.C.

March 16 8

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward three silver quarter dollars, in exchange for the defective quarters transmitted for that purpose in your letter of the 14th inst. Please acknowledge their receipt.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

James J. Brooks, Esq.
Chief Secret Service Division.
Treasury Department
Washington
D.C.

March 16 8

Sir

In compliance with the request contained in the concluding sentence of your letter of the 5th inst, I have to day forwarded to you by Express one hundred and fifty (150) silver dollars; and enclose for payment the Coiners bill for the same.

Very Respectfully

Jos Leach

Supt

R. E. Preston, Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mar 16 8

Sir

Your mineral is nothing but decomposed granite with pyrites; no value.

Yours &c.

Jas Pollock
Supt.

Mr John L. Tilley
Francisco P.O
Stokes Co.
N.C.

Mar 16 8

Sir

The specimen you sent is a very common rock, with some specks of iron pyrites; no value.

Respy yours

Jas Pollock
Supt.

Mr Jerome H. Duff
Stickleyville
Lee Co
Vir

March 16th 8

Sir:

I drew this day Checks Nos. 6887 for $21.201 16/ and 6888 for $50000 - Gold Coin, in favor J&W. Seligman &Co. New York, being payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

March 16th 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Checks Nos. 6887 and 6888 for $21.201.16 and $30.000 respectively total Fifty one thousand two hundred and one 16/100 Dollars Gold Coin in payment for a/c Silver Bullion purchased. Returns for bullion will always be made as promptly as the circumstances will permit.

Very Respectfully
Jas A [illegible]
Supt

Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co
New York

March 16 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th inst. has been received.

A few specimens of the "Barber design" (rejected) for the silver dollar, were struck for the inspection of the authorities at Washington, but none are left for sale or distribution.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr. Chas Frasick
Hartford
Ct.

March 16 8

Gentlemen.

Yours of the 14th inst, has been received.

The style of half dime you refer to, was coined during the years 1794. 5. 6. & 7. The half dime of 1796 is rare, Coin collectors have been paying from $1.00 to $20.00 a piece for them.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

New Era Publishing.
Portland
Me

March 18th 8

Sir.

Yours of the 15th inst, is rec'd

A few specimens of the "rejected designs" for the new dollar wer struck for the inspection of the authorities at Washington, but none and left for sale or distribution.

You can procure a proof dolla of the adopted design from the Min at $1.25 currency.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr.
C. H. Sampsell.
Williamsport
Pa.

March 18 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 12th inst. has been received.

Your application for the new dollars should be made to the Secretary of the Treasury. I have no authority to forward them to you.

Under a temporary arrangement and for the local accommodation we are paying them out over the counter in sums of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, but only in exchange for gold coin, at par.

Very Respectfully

J. W. [illegible]

Mr. J. C. Wade.
Watseka, Ill.

Mch 18 8

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 15th inst. I send you herewith a new dollar just coined, in exchange for the dollar in currency enclosed in your letter, as an accommodation, although we are only exchanging them for gold at par.

The first dollar coined was sent to the President of the U. S.

Yours truly
Jas Pollock
Supt

John G. Brown,
Daniels
Pa

March ~~19~~th 18th 8

Sir

I draw this day Check No. 6889, favor J & W. Seligman & Co. for \$6779 83/100. Gold Coin in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas [illegible]
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

18th

March ~~19~~th 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 6889 for Sixty four Hundred and Seventy nine 83/100 (6779 83/100) Dollars Gold Coin in Payment in P of Silver Bullion Purchased.

Very Respectfully

Jas Crawford

Supt

Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co.

New York

March 18th 8

Acting Director of the Mint.
Treasury Dept.
Washington D.C.

Say One Million (1.000.000) ounces of Silver Bullion on hand Sixteenth (16th) inst.

J. Charge ~~paid~~ Govt Rates

J. [illegible] Supt

March 18 8

Sir:

Your postal card requisition for one of the new silver dollars has been received.

We are paying them out, over the counter, in sums of not less than $10, nor more than $10, and only in exchange for gold coin at par. We cannot furnish single pieces, except proof specimens, the price of which is $1.50 each in currency.

Very Respectfully,
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
L. A. Miller,
Elk City, Pa

March 18 8

Sir.

The 40 cents enclosed in your letter of the 16th inst, being the balance due on account of the silver dollars forwarded to the Director on the 13th inst, has been received.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D. C.

March 18 8

Sir:

Please return the enclosed warrant with Mr. Knox's signature to the receipt at the bottom, and I will then forward to you Ck. amount of his bill $29.25 for his expenses in attending the Annual assay in February last, as requested in your letter of the 16th inst.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint.
Washington
D.C.

March 18   8

Sir,

The Mint cannot furnish the coins called for in your letter of the 15th inst.

Your application should be made to coin dealers.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr.
D. S. Vanmetre.
Point Pleasant
W. Va

March 18

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst has been received.

Your application for the new silver dollars should be made to the Secretary of the Treasury Washington, D.C.

I have no authority to forward them to you.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

A. L. Allen, Esq Cas.
Blairstown,
Iowa.

March 18 8

Sir

Your letter of the 15th inst, has been received.

Your application for the new silver dollars should be made to the Asst. Treasurer U. S. at Boston, Mass. I have no authority to forward them to you.

They are only paid out in exchange for gold coin, at par.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Wm. S. Foster, A. Cas.
Derby Line.
Vt.

March 18 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst. has been received.

We make silver coins for the U. S. Government only, and not for private depositors. But the Mint buys Mexican dollars and other silver by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, to ascertain the exact amount of pure silver in the lot, pays for the same in gold coin, at a rate of 1/2 a cent per ounce fine less than the London quotations on the day the silver reaches the Mint.

An average new Mexican dollar weighs 416 1/2 grains, and they run from 900 to 902 fine. An ounce of pure silver weighs 480 grains The London price of silver bullion on Saturday the 16th inst, was 5/4 3/8 d. per ounce fine equal to $1.19.2 in U. S. gold coin. From this, with the help of the enclosed Mint circular, you can make your own calculations.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr.
J. H. Keller.
New Orleans
La

March 18 8

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 11th inst, has been received.

We make silver coins for the U. S. Government only, and not for private depositors. But the Mint buys Mexican dollars and other silver, by weight as bullion, and after melting and assay, to ascertain the exact amount of pure silver in the lot, pays for the same in gold coin, at the rate of 1/2 a cent per ounce fine less than the London quotations on the day the silver reaches the Mint.

An average new Mexican dollar weighs 416½ grains, and they run from 900 to 902 fine. An ounce of pure silver weighs 480 grains. The London price of silver bullion on Saturday the 16th inst, was 54⅜ d. per ounce fine, equal to $1.19.2 in U. S. gold coin. From this, with the help of the enclosed Mint circular, you can make your own calculations,

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mess.
Forster & Co.
Austin.
Texas.

Mar. 18th 8

Gentlemen

Your bid of 1000, for the Sweeps offered is respectfully declined.

In a long series of years where the Sweeps have been sold repeatedly to the same buyers, we have had no such complaints as have come from you. We believe our assays and mode of drawing samples to be entirely correct and reliable, and cannot yield to the imputation contained in your letter

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Messrs. Howard & Möhle

New York

March 18th 8

Gentlemen

Your offer of Eleven hundred and forty one (1141) dolls. Gold Coin, for the sweeps for sale is accepted.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

A. W. Spear & Co.
No. 121 Fulton St.
New York.

Mar. 18th 8

Gentlemen

Your offer for the Sweeps for Sale is respectfully declined

Very Respectfully

Supt

E. Balbach & Son
Newark
N. J

March 18th 8

Gentlemen.

Your offer for the Sweeps for Sale is respectfully declined.

Very Respectfully
J. A. [illegible]
Supt.

Messrs R. Longman & Sons
New York

Mar. 18th 8

Gentlemen

Your offer for the sweeps for sale is respectfully declined.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

C. S. Dennis & Son
Newark
N. J.

May 18th 8

Sir

Your offer for the Sweeps for Sale is respectfully declined.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Dr. J. W. Farmer
Montgomery Hotel
6th & Willow St.
Philada.

March 18   8

Sir

Enclosed I forward C/D. No. 186. in your name for $\$64^{\underline{48}}$ in gold coin, the recoinage value of \$65.– light gold coin received from you on the 14th inst. Please acknowledge receipt.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

J. C. Abbott. Esq
Coll of Customs.
Wilmington.
N. C.

May 18th 8

Sir:

I enclose herewith duplicate bills of the Express Co. for transportation of Silver during the months of September and October 1877, in which, you state, certain errors exist. I am unable to discover any mistake in these bills, and will thank you to substitute them for the bills now in your possession, and desire that you will return me those already in your hands, for correction.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Mar. 18th 8

Sir:

The amount of Silver Bullion in the Bullion Fund at the close of business on the 16th inst. is estimated at 1.000.000 standard ounces, as per my telegram of this date.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 19 82

Sir:

I herewith enclose, as requested, one gold dollar of 1878, in exchange for one of 1874, transmitted in your letter of the 18th inst.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

R. E. Preston, Esq.
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 19 8

Sir:

Your draft of the 18th inst. No. 8605, on the Penn National Bank Phila for $2,500, is herewith returned. You will see by the enclosed circular that your application for subsidiary silver coin should have been addressed to the Treasurer U. S. Washington, D.C.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Wm. J. Quinlan, Jr. Cashier.

New York.

March 19 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst. has been received.

You can send us $20, in mino coins for redemption, made up of different denominations, provided each denomination is put up separately, and not mixed togeth

If you will look at the latte part of the redemption circular referred to in your letter, you will see that we do not redeem or exchange silver coins. The Min will receive your silver 3 ¢ pieces by weight as bullion in sums of not less than $100, melt them, and pay for them in gold coin, but you would lose 15 to 25 per cent by the operation.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Addison Eby, Esq
Elizabethtown
Pa

March 19 8

Sir,

Your letter of the 14th inst, was duly received, and submitted to the Machinists of the Mint, who cannot however form any opinion with regard to the merit of your machine, unless they have a drawing to look at.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Roach

Supt

Mr.
Josiah Kirby,
Cincinnati
Ohio

March 19 8

Gentlemen.

Our Melter & Refiner, Prof Booth reports to me, that after having tried and used all the dipping cups received from you, upon a recent order, he finds they are not well adapted to our use, and that their use involved a risk of losing metal. They seemed to be of less strength in the composition, for with the charge of some six pounds (6 lbs) of melted metal, some of them broke while carrying. As it exposes us to loss of silver, when one of the cups breaks charged with silver, and the Government [illegible] loss of time and of cost when an empty one breaks, it is of the utmost importance that the dipping cups should be of the best quality, say of the best steel-pot composition. It is also desirable that you should conform closely to pattern, which exactly meets our wants.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Reed
Supt

Messrs.
J. H. Gautier & Co.
Jersey City
N. J.

March 19   8

Gentlemen.

Our Melter & Refiner, Prof. Booth, reports to me, that after having tried and used all the dipping cups received from you, upon a recent order, he finds they are not well adapted to our use, and that their use involves a risk of losing metal. They were evidently too thin, and some of them broke by grasping in the tongs. They seemed to be of less strength in the composition, for with their charge of six pounds (6 lbs) of melted metal, some of them broke while carrying. As it exposes us to loss of silver, when one of the cups br charged with silver; and the Government to loss of time and of cost when an empty one breaks, it is of the utmost importance that the dipping cups should be of the best quality; say of the best steel-pot composition. It is also desirable that you should conform closely to pattern, which exactly meets our wants.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

The Joseph Dixon Crucible Co.
Jersey City
N. J.

March 19   8

Gentlemen.

Our Melter & Refiner, Prof. Booth, reports to me, that after having tried and used all the dipping cups received from you, upon a recent order, he finds they are not well adapted to our use, and that their use ~~[illegible]~~ involves a risk of losing metal. They seemed to be of less strength in the composition, for with their charge of some six pounds (6 lbs) of melted metal, some of broke while carrying. As it exposes us to loss of silver, when one of the cups breaks, charged with silver, and the Government to loss of time and of each when an empty one breaks, it is of the utmost importance that the dipping cups should be of the best quality, say of the best steel-pot composition. It is also desirable that you should conform closely to pattern, which exactly meets our wants. Those you furnish are not quite equal to those we have been using.

Very Respectfully
Supt

Messrs.
Ross, Haferkamp & Dawson.
Philadelphia.

March 19 8

Sir:

Please forward me fifty (50) printed tables of the "Value in U. S. Gold coin, of Silver based on London quotations."

Also fifty (50) of Secretary Shermans circular issued January 1st 1878 of the value of Foreign coins.

We have use for them, and the Director informs me they will be furnished on application.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint.

March 20

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 18th inst, I herewith enclose a new silver dollar in exchange for a gold dollar enclosed in your letter.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr. J. Henry.
Decatur
Ala

March 20 8

Sir

In compliance with the directions contained in your letter of the 16th inst, I herewith enclose for the Hon. John Jay Knox, $29.05 the amount of his bill for expenses in attending the last annual assay at this Mint. Please advise me of the receipt of this remittance.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint.
Washington
D.C.

March 20

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th of Feby was received yesterday.

Under the Government contract with the Adams Express Co, minor coins are only delivered free to points reached through established Express lines by continuous railway communication.

We paid the Adams Express Co. $9. expressage by rail on the $200, minor coins sent you. For a refund of the amount you paid on the stage route, application should be made to the Secretary of the Treasury as it is outside of the contract with the Adams Express Co.

Very Respectfully

Supt

E. W. Knight, Esq. Cas.
First Nat. Bank.
Helena.
Montana

March 20   8

Gentlemen.

If you have not received an order for crucibles, you will please make and send to this Mint One hundred Black Lead Pots No. 70. exactly like the crucibles made for our use, and exactly adapted to it in general shape, height, diameters, and thicknesses of the different parts, except that, either the interior diameters may be increased by a short quarter inch, or, in lieu of this, the whole height increased by a half inch.

You will further please send us 100 covers No. 70. and 50 dipping cups, both of the patterns which you will receive from us.

We claim the right to reject those not conforming in all respects to our patterns of crucibles &c in form and quality, (except in the small increase in diameter and weight) and the right to return the balance unused if deficient in quality although we do not anticipate such inferiority.

Please send to the Mint for samples at your early convenience.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Messrs.
Wm. Seitel & Co.
1324 Callowhill St.
Philadelphia

March 20th 8

Gentlemen:

I enclose Checks Nos. 6890 - 6891 for \$ 40.085^{42} an \$ 50.412.^{89} total Ninety thousand four hundred and ninety eight $^{31}/_{100}$ Dollars, Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co
New York

May 28th 8

Sir.

I draw Checks No. 6890 or $40.085. 42 and 6891 for $50.412. 89 Gold Coin, favor &W. Seligman & Co. New York payment for Silver Bullion urchased.

Very Respectfully
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

March 20 8

Sir:

The Treasury draft for 152^{25} currency, enclosed in your letter of the 19th inst, in payment for 150 silver dollars forwarded to your Office on the 16th inst, has been received. It was sufficient to cover all balances, and close the account.

Very Respectfully

Supt

R. E. Preston. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D C

March 21 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 20th inst offering to furnish crucibles, covers, cups, dippers &c at the same price I am paying to other parties, has been received.

You will please make and send to this Mint, One hundred Black Lead Pots No. 70. exactly like the crucibles made for our use and exactly adapted to it, in general shape, height, diameters, and thicknesses of the different parts, except that, either the internal diameters may be increased by a short quarter inch, or, in [illegible] of this, the whole height increased by a half inch.

You will further please send us 100 covers No. 70, and 50 dipping cups, both of the patterns which you you will receive from us.

We claim the right to reject those not conforming in all respects to our patterns of crucibles in size and quality, (except in the small increase in diameter and height) and the right to return the balance unused if deficient in quality, although we do not anticipate such inferiority.

Please send to the Mint for samples at your early convenience.

Very Respectfully,

Supt

Mr.
A. Kerkunck,
Philadelphia.

March 21 8—

Sir

Your letter of the 16th inst. has been received.

Your application for the new silver dollars should be addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D.C. I am not authorized to forward them to you.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

N. P. Garretson, Esq. Cas.
Burlington.
Kas

March 21 8

Sir.

The 25 ¢ piece enclosed in your letter of the 19th inst, was made at the U. S. Mint at San-Francisco. There seems to have been a defect (split) in the strip from which it was cut, & we return you one of our own coinage in its place.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
W. K. Ross.
Urbana
Ohio

3-12-1878

Supt. to Director

re: first 303 silver dollars,

Mar. 21st 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 6892 for Twenty nine thousand nine hundred and ninety six $\frac{64}{}$ (29.996 ^{64}) Dollars, Gold Coin, being payment in full for Silver Bullion purchased from you by the Director of the Mint, @ 119 3/4¢ per ounce fine.

Be kind enough to sign the enclosed receipts in the firm name (not attorney) and return by next mail.

Very Respectfully Yours

Supt

Mess. J. B. Colgate & Co.
47 Wall St.
N. York

Mar. 21st 8

Sir.

I draw Check No. 6892 favor J. B. Colgate & Co. New York, for $29.996 64/100 Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

(Telegram) March 22. 1878

To Director of the Mint.

Washington. D.C.

Does your order of yesterday to pay for silver deposits over the counter in silver dollars terminate the payment of these deposits in gold coin. Please answer.

J. A. Powell
Supt

Mch 22

Sir.

The samples of ore sent the Mint in yours of the 20th inst, proves upon examination to be only the ordinary iron pyrites, or sulphuret of iron, and of no value.

Very Respectfully

Sup

Mr. P. H. Smith.
Whitesburg
Tenn

March 22 8

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 21st inst, has been received.

We accept the fine silver f Ed. Balbach & Son of Newark, N. J and Geo. W. Platt of your City, t same as that refined at the N. Y Assay Office, without charge for ing &c, provided we find it full up to the stamped fineness.

We do not make any charg on Mexican dollars, or English standard silver.

Very Respectfu

Jas. Pollock
Sup

Messrs.
J. B. Colgate & Co.
New York

March 22 8—

Gentlemen.

Finding upon examination that we have a large lot of No. 70 covers still on hand, the order heretofore sent you for covers is hereby countermanded at the request of Prof. Booth, our Melter & Refiner, and you will please not furnish them

Very Respectfully
Jas Ross
Supt

Messrs.
Robt. Taylor & Co.
Phila

March 22 8

Sir.

Finding upon examination that we have a large lot of No 70 covers still on hand, the order heretofore sent you for covers is hereby countermanded at the request of Prof. Booth, our Melter & Refiner, and you will please not furnish them.

Very Respectfully
Jas [illegible]
Supt

Mr
A. Kerkumet,
Phila

March 22 8—

Gentlemen.

Finding upon examination that we have a large lot of No. 70 covers still on hand, the order heretofore sent you fo covers is hereby countermanded, at the request of Prof. Booth, the Melter & Refiner, and you will please not furnish them.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Messrs.
Wm. Seidel & Co.
Phila

March 22 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst. has been received.

The fineness of Mexican dollars runs from 900 to 902. The changes in the devices on these coins at different times, has not altered the weight and fineness. The standard weight is 416½ grains.

The enclosed Treasury circular issued on the 1st of January last, gives you their value in U.S. coin.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr.
Wm. H. Obenchain.
Dallas. Texas

March 22

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst, making inquiries with regard to the probable cost of manufacturing nickel and copper coins for use in Central America, has been received.

I have forwarded your letter to the Director of the Mint, Washington, D. C. for his consideration. I am not authorized to furnish the desired information to outside parties.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Mr. Wm. H. Knoepfel.
New York.

March 22 8

Sir.

I herewith forward for yr consideration a letter received this morning Mr. Wm H. Knoeppel, New York, calling for some detailed information with regard to the manufacture of nickel and copper coin I have advised Mr. Knoeppel of this disposition of his letter, and that I was not authorized to furnish to outside parties the information he calls for.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

March 23 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst is received.

Your application for the new silver dollars should be made to the Asst Treasurer U. S. at New York, or Boston, as may be most convenient to you.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr
H. L. Samson.
St. Albans Bay.
Vt

March 23 8

Sir

Your note of the 21st inst is received.

A few specimens of the "Barber Design" for the new silver dollar were struck for the inspection of the Authorities at Washington but none are left for sale or distribution.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

L. M. Packard Esq
Canton
N. Y.

March 23 8

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst
is received.

A few specimens of the rejected
design for the new silver dollar
were struck for the inspection
of the Authorities at Washington
but none are left for sale or
distribution.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon
R. S. Robertson.
Fort Wayne
Ind

March 28 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 20th inst has been received.

The enclosed Treasury circular of March 28. 1877, will show you how to procure subsidiary silver coins from the Mint.

The new silver dollars can only be procured from the Treasurer or some Asst Treasurer U. S. in exchange for gold coins at par, you paying the freight.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
S
Geo. J Hollister.
Prescott. Wis

March 23 8

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending March 23. 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sent to D.M.

Mar. 23d 8

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint per advices Mar 18th 1878 from Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co. New York.

Fine Weight	Ozs.	25.049.39
Value @ 119 3/4 c	$	29.996.64

Jas. Crawf
Supt.

Mar. 23rd 8

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, purchased February 27th 1878, from Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal.

Fine Weight Oz 499.934.60
Value @120½ct $602.421.20

Jas. Pollock
Superintendent

Mar. 23rd 8

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, per advices February 27. 1878, from J. & W. Seligman & Co. New York.

Fine Weight	Ozs.	199.822.26
Value @ $1.2057	$	240.925.70

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mar. 23^{d} 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No 6893 for Thirty one thousand nine hundred and ninety three ^{78} (31.993 ^{78}) Dollars, Gold Coin in payment for Silver Bullion purchased. Please return enclosed receipts duly signed by the firm.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Messrs. J. B. Colgate & Co
47 Wall St.
New York

Mar. 23d 8

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 6893 for $31.993.78 Gold Coin, favor J. B. Colgate & Co; also Check No. 6894 for $53.506.15 Gold Coin, favor J & W. Seligman & Co all for payment of Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

Mar. 23d 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No 6894 for Fifty three thousand five hundred and six ^{15} (53.506^{15} Dollars, Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co
New York

Mar. 23rd. 8

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from J. B. Colgate & Co. New York, as per letters of advice dated March 20th & 21st 1878.

Fine Weight	Ozs.	26.633.74
Value @ 120 1/8 per Oz.	$	31.993.78

Superintendent

May 23rd 8

Sir:

The total amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day approximates Ozs. 1.179.000.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 28 8

Sir,

In reply to your telegram of this date, I herewith enclose a communication from our Engraver Mr. Barber, reporting his progress in making new hubs and dies. Mr. Morgan has not been here to day, and I cannot reach him in West Philadelphia in time to write you to day. Will get his report on Monday.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington.

March 25 8

Sir.

In compliance with request in your letter of the 21st inst. enclosing $5 gold, I to day send to you by the Adams Express [illegible] five new silver dollars desired.

These dollars are exchangeable only for gold at par.

Very Respectfully,
Jas Pollock
Director

Mr.
R. A. Hubbard.
Brookville
Pa

March 25

Sir,

Your letter of the 26th inst. has been received.

I cannot fill your order as stated, but if you choose to send your gold check to Mr. Geo. [illegible] son, (Agent of the Adams Express Co.) whose office is located in the Mint building, he will attend to the matter for you, and pick out the dollars that are freest from the ink. The first issues of the silver dollars were not perfect because of the extreme haste in getting ready the earliest dies on account of the public impatience. The coinage will be better here-after.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr.
E. A. Erickson.
Chicago
Ill

March 25 8

Sir

The specimen you send is a compound of iron & sulphur, called pyrites; a very pretty specimen, but of no value.

Yours respy
Jas. Pollock
Supdt.

Mr Chas Peterson
Roscoe
Goodhue Co.
Minnesota

March 26 8

Sir:

In further reply to your telegram of the 23d inst. I herewith forward a report by Mr. Morgan of the progress made in getting out new hubs and dies.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

March 26

Sir:

I have appointed the following persons as Adjusters in the Coiner's Department of this Mint, at $1.75 per diem, and submit the same for approval under Section 3504 of the Revised Statutes of June 22. 1874.

Mrs. Caroline Fenton
Miss. Ruth Clements
Mrs. Emma L. Stevenson
Mrs. Anna E. Hill
Mrs. Amelia C. Knorr
Miss. Hattie M. Asbury
Miss. E. Cunningham
Miss. Jennie Clemens
Miss. Nellie R. Roads

Miss. Mary Thorn.

These appointments to take effect on the 1st of April, 1878.

The Coiners recommendation and nomination of these appointees is herewith transmitted.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

(Telegram) March 26. 1878

August Belmont & Co.
New York.

Send detailed statement of two hundred and one bars silver received this morning.

March 26 8

Sir

Your letter of the 25th inst, has been received.

I have not received any instructions from the Treasury Department with regard to silver certificates, but presume they cannot have any application to the operations of the Mint.

The Mint will receive deposits of old silver coins on the terms of the enclosed circular.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr

Geo D. Rise, Cas

Lebanon. Pa

March 26th 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 6895 in your favor for Four hundred thousand (400000) Dollars Gold Coin, being an approximate payment for Silver Bullion received from your house per advices of the 25th inst, and the Director of the Mint 11th inst. Please sign the enclosed receipts in firm name (not attorney) and return. Balance will be paid at Completion of Assay.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs. August Belmont & Co.
New York

March 26th 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 6896 for Sixty thousand (60000) Dollars, Gold Coin, payment for U.S. Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crock
Supt.

Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co.
New York

May 26th

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 6895 favor August Belmont & Co. New York, for $400.000. and No. 6896 for 60.000, the latter in favor Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

March 26   8

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th in
advising me that for the reason
stated, the coinage of silver
dollars to an extraordinary am
would be required of this Mi
has been received.

In compliance with you
instructions I have directed th
the operations of the Mint be
so conducted as to promptly
and fully meet your requireme
and have notified the Operati
officers, clerks and employees th
punctuality and efficiency of
duty are imperative and will be

enforced.

Your special instructions for the Engravers department have been communicated to Mr. Barber and his assistants and workmen.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 26 8

Sir:

If possible please forward to this Mint, three copies of the "Laws relating to the Treasury Department, Revised Statutes, June 22, 1874." They are needed in the several departments for ready reference; the coinage Act of 1873, having been re-arranged, and the text frequently altered, in the Revised Statutes.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

March 26   8

Sir

Returns in gold coin and chemically pure silver, for the bars specified in your letter of the 18th inst, go forward to you to day by the Adams Express Co, as requested; all but the chemical pure gold, which is not yet ready, but will be forwarded to you in about a week.

You will please acknowledge receipt.

Very Respectfully

Dir

Calvin J. Cowles. Esq. Assayer.
U. S. Assay Office.
Charlotte. N. C.

March 27

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst. has been received.

The Mint makes assays of gold and silver ores as a matter of public accommodation, at a charge of $5. in currency, prepaid, for each specimen assayed. Half a pound of the mineral, if a fair average would be sufficient for the purpose. We are very busy now, on the new silver dollars, and could not promise an assay and report in less than about two weeks, after the ore comes to hand.

Very Respectfully,

Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr Jos. Woolf.
Handy Creek N. Y.

March 27

Sir

I herewith transmit C/D No. 1438, for $4.62 the bullion value of $5.58 in mutilated silver coin forwarded in your letter (J. W. W.) of the 21st inst.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

U

Hon. A. K. Wyman.
Asst Treasurer U. S.
Washington.
DC

Mar 27th 8

Sir.

Your circular letter dated "Asst. Treasurers Office New York, March 23d 1878," is at hand, but as there has been no detailed statement received, I can only state that the balance to my credit at that Office on the 12th inst at settlement no. 1 ——— $728.238.54

Balance per your letter 1.087.516.87

Difference ——— $359.278.33

which covers Check No 6882, drawn March 11th 1878, favor Bank of New York $316.300.63, and Check No. 6 date, favor J&W. Seligman & Co, for $42.977.70. Total as above $359.278.33.

The Asst. Treasurer at New.

York, was duly advised of the drawing of these Checks.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

E. O. Graves Esq
Treasury Dept.
Washington
D.C.

March 28 8

Sir,

The enclosed Treasury Circular will show you how to proceed to procure dimes from the Mint. We cannot furnish them direct.

Your draft of the 26th inst on New York for $300, is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

H. P. Gerry, Esq. Cas.
Holyoke.
Mass

L Rl

Mar. 28th 8

Sir:

I am in receipt of a keg of light gold coin from the Asst. Treasurer U.S. at Boston, said to contain $5.100—.

Shall I carry this coin after recoinage to your credit in the Bullion Fund, or deposit it with the Asst. Treasurer here.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon Jas Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

L.R.

March 28th. 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 23d inst. directing that all Silver on hand at the close of business on the last day of this month be adjusted to the Standard dollar valuation, is received.

After carefully examining the matter, it is evident that there will be difficulty in carrying out this order, in connection with the Cashier's operations with the Treasurer of the U.S. in his Bullion Fund a/c.

If the Subsidiary Silver Coin on hand, or any to be coined, is reduced to its Silver Dollar valuation and so carried in the Cashiers a/cs, all the Transfer Orders and Letters of the Treasurer of the U.S. ought to be drawn up in the same valuation. Otherwise confusion will result.

I simply write to ask whether you cannot so modify your order as to allow us to continue to carry and account for Subsidiary Silver Coin at its face value, but account for Trade Dollars, Bars and raw bullion at the rate 116 4/11 ¢ per std. oz.

Please answer by return mail so that we may have your decision on Saturday morning next.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon. H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 28 8

Dear Sir

The minerals you send are ores of iron, with lime &c. and are of no value, except they can be turned to account in manufacture of iron.

Yours resp.
H. S. Hedrick
Acting Supdt.

Mr J K Johnson
Morganton,
London Co; Tenn.

March 28 8

Sir:

In reply to so much of your letter of the 27th inst, as calls for the monthly consumption of coal at this Mint since November last, I have the honor to submit the following statement of the amount of coal used during the respective months named.

December 1877.

Melter & Refiner	Anthracite	26 tons.
Coiner	do	128 "

January 1878.

Melter & Refiner.	Anthracite	84 tons.
Coiner	do	189 "
do	Blacksmiths	2

February. 1878

Melter & Refiner. Anthracite 45 tons
Coiner do 181 "

March 1st to 28th 1878.

Melter & Refiner. Anthracite 90 tons.
do " do Westmorland 1 "
Coiner Anthracite 124 "

28 tons of the 90 charged to the Melter & Refiner were delivered by Geo B. Newton & Co, in December 1877, and January 1878, but not paid for until March. The 124 tons for the Coiner in March have been delivered but not certified and paid. A statement of the full consumption in March will be transmitted to your office on the 1st of April, and

monthly statements forwarded thereafter.

The Superintendent being temporarily absent it is proper that the first paragraph of your letter should be laid over until his return to morrow.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 29

Sir:

Your letter of the 2[illegible]th inst. has been received.

The following is our liquid test for silver compound.

Twenty grains of nitrate of silver in crystals, one gramme (say 15 grains) of nitric acid, and one ounce of water. Any druggist can put this up in a small bottle with a pointed glass stopper used for lifting drops; taking care to use pure ingredients. Remove a little of the surface of the coin by a knife and then touch the place with a drop from the stopper

If good there will be no action, if bad it blackens at once. It should be observed this is not the compound we use for examining gold counterfeits and jewelry, and further some persons use nitric acid alone, which will discolor a good coin as well as a bad one.

An instrument which at once gauges the weight, diameter and thickness of the half and quarter dollar, is still more convenient for most dealers. The one we use is Doherty's Patent and is kept by John S. Dye Office of the Counterfeit Detector 606 Walnut Street Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Dr. C. G. Wheeller.
Honeybrook,
Pa

March 29 8

Sir,

I have appointed Mrs. Fanny L. Griffitts, and Mrs. Bessie Fulton, as Adjusters in the Coiners department of this Mint, at $1.5 each, per diem, and submit the same for approval. These appointments to take effect upon confirmation.

The Coiners recommendation and nomination of these ladies is herewith transmitted.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

March 29th 8

Gentlemen:

I enclose Check No. 6897 for Thirty five thousand nine hundred and fifteen 12/100 (35.915$^{12}/$) Dollars, Gold Coin, in payment in full for 72.487.^{90} Standard ounces Silver Bullion @ 121c. per ounce fine.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co

New York.

March 29th 8

Sir

I drew this day Check No 6897 favor J & W. Seligman & Co. for $35.915.12 Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion Purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Mar 29 8

Sir –

The two ½ dols. sent by you are genuine. The want of *ring* happens in very rare cases, from a flaw, sometimes invisible.

Pieces can be tested without such a huge cutting-out. There is no better chemical test than the one which you quote. But a more convenient one, is a gauge, such as we use – Doherty's make, and kept by John S. Dye, of the "Government Counterfeit Detector", 605 Walnut St. Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours
Jas Pollock
Supt.

C. P. Luther Esq. Teller.
Adams Nat: Bank.
Mass

P. S. The pieces are herewith returned, as you request—

J. P.

March 29th 8

Henry Gilbert Esq
Harrisburg Pa.

Dr Sir

I enclose my Check for five $\frac{60}{100}$ dollars, proceeds of the old and abraded Silver Coin you left with me, a few days ago. Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours very truly

Jas R Read
Supt.

as superior in our experience to any other kind of pitcher for transferring acid &c. &c.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Beck
Superintendent.

R. C. Remmey Esq
No 1108 E. Cumberland St
Philada.

March 29th

Sir,

In regard to the Pots, I regret to say that the Melter & Refiner has already so many that he would not know what to do with more, even so much as to find a place to keep them. I would suggest to you that possibly some of our Chemical manufacturers might use them for boiling liquors, for which they are so admirably adapted. They might perhaps use them in the Mint at San Francisco—

The Pitchers are suited to our purposes, and we are willing to take 2 or 3 dozen of them at a reasonable rate — Please state price.

In endeavoring to dispose of the Pitchers at the Mints or Assay offices you may quote our endorsement of them —

Statement of Silver Purchase

March 29th 8

J & W. Seligman

& Co. New York

March 5th 8

Gross

	100.698.25
	100.502.82
$1.2029	120.894.84

to DM

Jas Pollock

March 30 8

Sir,

Upon the request of the Assayer herewith enclosed, and assented to by the Melter & Refiner, I have transferred Samuel R. Brewster, now deposit melter, at $1.50 per diem, to the Assay department as Helper at $2.00 per diem, and submit the same for approval.

This transfer to take effect April 1. 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

H.R.L.
Director

March 30

Gentlemen.

We have for sale at the Mint
about 2000 lbs German Steel
5,400 " English do
1. ton old cast iron
500 lbs old wrought iron

Sealed bids for the same, at the pound, will be received by the undersigned until Friday, April 5th 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon until which time, the materials can be examined, between 9 A.M. and 2 P.M. Terms cash, and the metals to be immediately removed.

Very Respectfully

Messrs.
Henry Disston's Sons.
Phila.

Supt.

March 30 8

Gentlemen.

We have for sale at the Mint,
about 2000 lbs German Steel
5,400 " English do
1 ton old cast iron
500 lbs old wrought iron.

Sealed bids for the same, by the pound, will be received by the undersigned, until Friday, April 5, 1878, at 12 O'clock, noon, until which time the materials can be examined, between 9 A. M. and 2 P. M. Terms cash, and the metals to be immediately removed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs,
A. Purves & Son.
No, 17 South St. Phila;

March 30

Gentlemen.

We have for sale at the Mint,
about 2000 lbs German Steel
5,400 " English do
1 ton old cast iron
500 lbs old wrought iron

Sealed bids for the same, by the pound, will be received by the undersigned until Friday, April 5, 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, until which time the materials can be examined, between 9 A. M. and 2 P. M.

Terms cash, and the metals to be immediately removed.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Messrs.

Busermire, Cunliffe & Co.,
Cor. 12th & Washington Ave, Phila.

Mch 30 8

Gentlemen.

We have for sale at the Mint, about 2000 lbs German Steel,
5400 " English do
1 ton old cast iron
500 lbs old wrought iron.

Sealed bids for the same, by the pound, will be received by the undersigned until Friday, April 5. 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, until which time the materials can be examined, between 9. A. M. and 2. P. M. Terms cash, and the metals to be immediately removed.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs
Chas. H. Lippincott & Co.
Cor. 11 & Noble St. Phila.

March 30 8—

Sir.

We have for sale at the Mint,
about 2000 lbs German Steel
5,400 " English do
1 ton old cast iron
500 lbs old wrought iron.

Sealed bids for the same, by the pound, will be received by the undersigned until Friday, April 5th at 12 o'clock, noon, until which time the materials can be examined, between 9 A.M. and 2 P.M.

Terms cash, and the metals to be immediately removed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Dir.

Mr.
Wm McKaice.
515 Cherry St. Phila.

March 30 8

Sir.

We have for sale at the Mint, about 2000 lbs German Steel
5,400 " English do
1 ton old cast iron
500 lbs old wrought iron.

Sealed bids for the same, by the pound, will be received by the undersigned until Friday, April 5th 1878, at 12 o'clock, noon, until which time the materials can be examined, between 9 A. M. and 2 P. M.

Terms cash, and the metals to be immediately removed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr.
C. Newcomb.
Phila.

March 30 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward,

Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for month ending March 30, 1878.

Also, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending March 30. 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.
D.C.

March 30th 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 6898 for Fifty one thousand six hundred & twenty four $^{44}/_{100}$ (51.624^{44} Dollars, Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased @ 121ct. per ounce fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs J & W. Seligman & Co.
New York

M Pollock Mch 30 - 6 P.M.

April 1st 8

Gentlemen:

I enclose Checks Nos. 6899 for One hundred & thirty thousand two hundred & seventy one 65/100, (130.271.^{65}) Dollars, Gold Coin, and No. 6900 for Three hundred and fifty thousand (350,000) Dollars, Gold Coin: the first to close the purchase @ 120½ cts. per ounce, and the last on a/c. of the purchase @ 120¾ cts. per ounce.

Please sign the enclosed receipts in firm name, as usual.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock Supt.

Messrs. August Belmont & Co.

New York

Mailed Mch 30th at 6 P.M.

April 1st

8

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 6900 - favor August Belmont & Co, New York, for $350.000. Gold Coin, on a/c. Silver Bullion Purchased

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Ma 30th 8

Sir.

I draw Checks Nos. 6898 & 6899 for $51.624.44 and $130.271.63 respectively, the first in favor of J & W. Seligman & Co. and the last in favor August Belmont & Co. all in payment of Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

March 30th 8

Sir,

The amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day approximates 1.722.079.^{73} standard ounces 377.000 ounces additional not yet assayed.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 1 8

Sir

Your letter of March 29th has been received.

The new silver dollars are only paid out, in exchange for gold coins at par. Your application for them should be made to the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Chicago. The Government does not pay the freight on them from that point.

You can procure them at the Mint by depositing silver bullion to whatever amount you want, not exceeding 1000 ounces, or less than 100.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr.
A. Galpin, Jr. Esq.
Appleton, Wis.

See Amended
Report on P. 286

~~April 1st 8~~

~~August Belmont~~

~~& Co. New York~~
~~March 11th 8~~

~~Gross~~

~~4440.524.26~~ ✓
~~4440.059.46~~ ✓
~~530.271.65~~ ✓

~~Jas. [illegible]~~
~~D. C.~~

April 1 8

Sir:

At the close of business Marc 30th ultimo, I made the usual mon count and examination of the mon in the hands of the Cashier of t Mint, with the following result.

Gold.	$2,045,516.96
Silver	1,083,586.08
Refining & Parting a/c.	466.04
Ordinary a/c regular.	14,658.10
Manufacture of Stand Dollars.	10,594.02
Minor Coinage.	69,919.98
Minor Coins Exchanged.	4,916.70
" " Reissued.	44,488.05
" Coinage Redemption.	306,464.63
	$3,580,610.76

which corresponds with books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
Jas [illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Telegram

April 1

To August Belmont & Co.
New York.

Will make returns to da

Jas Pollo
Su

April 1st 8

Gentlemen.

Referring to your telegram of this date, I beg to state, that in consequence of the closing of our quarterly accounts, and the unusually large amount of work on hand, we found it absolutely impossible to so far complete the assays and calculations of your silver, as to be able to forward your checks on that day, although every effort was made to that end.

I shall use every endeavor to close your a/c within a day or two.

Messrs. August Belmont & Co.
New York

Very Respectfully
Jno. Pollock
Supt

Report of March 41.

March 30th 8

Sir

I report the following as the Condition of the Bullion Fund at the close of business this day subdivided approximately thus;

Gold Coin	$ 2.061.163.34
" Bullion	576.627.58
Silver Coin	1.068.899.93
" Bullion	1.453.186.46
Total	$ 5.159.877.31

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon. H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mailed Ap 1

March 30th 8

Statement of U.S. Bullion Fund.

Approximated Sum of Gold Coin			$ 2.061.163.34
Do	"	" Bullion	576.627.58
Do	"	Silver Coin	1.068.899.93
Do	"	" Bullion	1.453.186.46
Actual Bullion Fund Total			$ 5.159.877.31

Coin

Double Eagles	$ 565.000	Trade Dolls.	$ 70.029.40
Do Eagles	147.000	Stand. Do	449.183
1/2 Do.	35.100	1/2 Dolls.	168.500
1/4 Do.	112.000	1/4 Do.	228.600
Three's	1.300	Double Dimes	351.60
One $	254.000	Dimes	151.550
New York %c	932.102.84	Bars, Proofs &c	685.93
Bars, Proofs &c	14.560.50		
	$ 2.061.163.34		$ 1.068.899.93

April 1st 8

Gentlemen.

By request of the Director of the Mint you are appointed a committee to enquire into the necessity for a new cutting engine, it being alleged that the engine now in use is not of sufficient power for all the work required of it. You will please make a full and thorough investigation into the whole subject, and submit the results to me in writing at your early convenience.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Sup

To Messrs.
Jas. C. Booth, M & R.
O. C. Bosbyshell, Coiner.
H. Kilpatrick, Engineer.
A. S. Garrett, Foreman R. R.
Jno. A. Grier, Asst Engineer.

April 1st 8

Sir

In reply to your telegram of this morning, I am able to report the Mint in condition to be worked to its full capacity; and our arrangements are such that, with the requisite amount of overtime, we expect to coin one million eight hundred thousand (1,800,000) to two million (2,000,000) silver dollars during the present month of April.

When the alterations in the bleaching Room are completed, which will take about two weeks, we can probably make an outtu of two and a half million (2,500,000) silver dollars per month, unless prevented by breakage of machinery and exigencies beyond our control.

The Engraver informs me, that he will have 10 pairs silver dollar dies ready to forward to the Mint at San Francisco on Monday next, April 8th, and at the same time an equal number for the Mint at Carson.

I enclose a report from the Coiner and one from the Engraver with regard to condition and working of our own dollar dies.

As agreed upon at my last interview with you when here,

Mr.

Mr. A. W. Straub, will to day take charge of the hardening department of the Engravers Office, and we may in consequence expect better results hereafter. This also with the consent and approbation of Mr. Barber, Mr. McLam to act as assistant.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

April 2- 8

Mr C. F. Crim - Sir

Your eight specimens, mostly in powder, are common dirt, such as lies everywhere, and of no value.

Respy yours

J. W. Powell

Supdt.

Bolington

Louden Co

Va

April 2

Sir,

Enclosed herewith I forward, the oaths of office of the following Adjusters in the Coiners Department of this Mint

Mrs. Caroline Fenton

Miss. Ruth Clements

Mrs. Emma D. Stevenson, written "L" in my letter making these appointments.

Mrs. Anna L. Hall.

Mrs. Amelia C. Knorr.

Miss. Hattie M. Asbury

Miss. G. Cunningham.

Miss. Virginia Clemens, written "Jennie" in my letter making the appointments,

Miss. Nellie R. Roads.

Miss. Mary Thorn

Mrs. Fannie L. Griffitts

Mrs. Bessie Fulton.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

April 2 8

Dear Sir

The four specimens you sent, are all of the same sort— a decomposed silicious stone, very common & of no value.

Respy yours

Supdt

Mr Andrew Wilson
Hitchins. P.O
Houston Co
Minnesota

April 2 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward,

1. Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Reissued and Exchanged during March 1878.

2. For the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor Coinage operations for the same month.

Very Respectfully
J. R. [illegible]
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

August Belmont & Co.

April 3rd 8

Gentlemen:

I enclose Check No. 6901 for One hundred & Six thousand, one hundred & nine 06/100 (106.109.06) Dollars Gold Coin, in payment in full for 377.730.07 ~~[illegible]~~ fine ounces Silver Bullion delivered by you on a/c. of Contract for 40.000 Ozs. purchased from you, by the Director of the Mint @ 120 3/4 c. per ounce fine, as per his letter of advice to me addressed under date March 12. 1878. Please forward the additional 62.000. Ozs. ~~Comp~~ to complete the delivery.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs
August Belmont & Co.
New York

April 3rd 8

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 6901 favor August Belmont & Co. for $106.109.06 Gold Coin, payment for a/c Sa. Bullion Purchased.

Very Respectfully

Jno. Reeves

Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

April 3 8

Dear Sir

Your minerals are not silver ores. No. 1 is an oxide of manganese. No. 2 is called Chlorite, a species of slate. No 3 is an iron ore, not much used on account of phosphoric acid. They are of little ~~of~~ or no value.

Respy yours

Supt.

Mr. Samuel P. Etter
Anniston, Calhoun Co. Ala.

April 3d 8–

Sir.

Your letter of the 1st inst, has been received.

The Mint does not issue "sample blanks" to coin collectors, nor permit them to get out of the Mint for any purpose.

Very Respectfully,

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr.

Geo P. Emsweiler.

Richmond.

Ind

April 3

Sir.

Miss. Sara Jackson has resigned her position as an Adjuster in the Coiners department of this Mint, and her name will not appear on our rolls after March 31. 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 3 8–

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 2d inst, in reference to the payments for your first and second lots of silver bullion forwarded on account of Government purchases, has been received.

In making settlement for these purchases I am governed entirely by the notice received from the Director of the Mint, as to the amount purchased, the price to be paid, and the manner of payment. Your accounts have been adjusted and payments made accordingly.

The assay memorandum enclosed in your letter, is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
August Belmont & Co.
New York

April 8   8

Sir

Your letter of the 2d inst, advising me of the relative number of silver dollar dies that will be required for the Western Mints after Monday next, and directing that the work of manufacturing dies be pushed with all possible energy, has been communicated to the Engraver; a copy of it left with him, and the imperative urgency of your instructions on this subject, impressed upon him as strongly as possible.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

April 3d 8

Gentlemen:

I enclose check No. 6902 for Ninety eight thousand three hundred and fifty eight 80/100 (98.358^{80}) Dollars Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased @ 121¢ per ounce fine —

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co
New York

April 3d 8

Sir.

I draw Check No. 6902 favor J & W. Seligman & Co. for $98.358.81 Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Asst. Treas. U.S
New York

April 3

Sir

Your letter of the 27th of March 27th with its enclosures was duly received, and referred to our Assayer, Mr. Du Bois, who made the desired re-examination, and submitted a report in writing, which I herewith transmit for your information. There was no error here. The four memorandums enclosed in your letter are herewith returned.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq.
Assayer in Charge.
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N.C.

April 3

Sir

Your letter of the 27th of March 27th, with its enclosures was duly received, and referred to our Assayer, Mr. Du Bois, who made the desired re-examination, and submitted a report in writing, which I herewith transmit for your information. There was no error here. The four memoranda enclosed in your letter are herewith returned.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq
Assayer in Charge.
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

April 8 . 8- .

Sir

Referring to your letter of March 18, ultimo, and my reply of March 26th, I have to day forwarded to you by the Adams Express Co, two (2) ounces of chemically pure gold, the product of the gold forwarded by you on the 18th ult for that purpose. Please acknowledge receipt.

You have not yet acknowledged the receipt of the shipment of March 26th.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Dir

Calvin J. Cowles, Esq

Assayer in Charge

U. S. Assay Office, Charlotte, N. C.

April 3 2.

Sir

In pursuance of your directions of March 31st, ultimo, I appointed the following committee to examine into the necessity for a new cutting engine, viz.

Jas. C. Booth, M&R.
O. C. Bosbyshell, Coiner
A. Kilpatrick, Engineer
John A. Grier, Asst Engineer
A. S. Garrett, Foreman.

I have to day received their report, herewith enclosed, recommending, on account of the unwonted pressure of work, that a new and somewhat large engine be procured to take the place of the one now in use. If this be done, I suggest that sealed proposals to furnish a new engine be invited by letter, addressed to leading, responsible manufacturers in this city. I consider this the true and proper course in such cases. I will at once proceed to do so if the report of the committee, and the above suggestion, meets your approval.

The present cutting engine answered our purpose until the present extraordinary emergency. I never heard a word of complaint with regard to it until since the heavy pressure for the coinage of silver dollars.

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Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

P.S.

It is not in contemplation to remove the present cutting engine which need not be displaced to make room for the new one, and which, being retained will be very useful, especially in unforseen emergencies.

J. C.

April 4. 1878

The following Report of the assay of test coins, reserved at this Mint, by the Assayer of the N.Y. Assay Office, has been handed to the Coiner, Assayer, and Melter & Refiner,

Denomination,	Weight	Fineness	
	Grs. Dec.	Gold.	Silver.
Double Eagle.	516.	899.9.	5
Silver Dollar.	411.7	Trace.	900.2
Half do	194.	"	901.
Quarter do	96.2	"	900.2

James Pollock,
Supt
per W.F.R.
Supts Clk

April 4

Sir,

Your letter of the 3d inst transmitting report of your assay of our test coins for the month of March ult. has been received.

In reply to your closing interrogatory, you can, in this instance, include your returns for the March coins in the current quarter, thus combining the two quarters in one. This arrangement, however not to be regarded as a precedent.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Thos. C. Acton Esq

Supt. U. S. Assay Office

New York

April 4th 8

Sir:

In compliance with the general instructions contained in the last paragraph of your letter of March 27th, ultimo, I submit the following statement of the amount of coal delivered to this Mint during the month of March, 1878.

Melter & Refiner,	Anthracite,	102 t
do.	do. Westmorland,	1
Coiner	Anthracite,	184

The Melter & Refiners depart t is now working until about 9 o P.M. and the Coiners departmen until 10 P.M. We generally ha on hand about ten tons of coal of the actual consumption.

The two weeks weighing of the coal used, called for in your letter of the 24th of November last, was duly attended to, and reported to you verbally, on one of your visits here, and I supposed the exhibit was satisfactory to you.

Very Respectfully,
Jos. [illegible]
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 4 8–

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward a requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury, for a volume of Minor Coinage redemption certificates, which we will have use for, as soon as it can conveniently be forwarded. I thought we could through to the end of the current six months, but find I was mistaken.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

April 4 8

Sir

I have to request that you will forward to me at your earliest convenience, one bound volume of five hundred (500) Minor Coinage Redemption Certificates, per copy herewith enclosed. Our supply is nearly exhausted. An unexpected increase in the amount of minor coins sent in for redemption, compels me to make this requisition before the close of the current six months.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. John Sherman.
Secretary of the Treasury

April 4 8

Sir,

In compliance with your request of March 23d I send you to day by the Adams Express Co, twenty five (25) silver dollars, as a fair sample of the coin produced from the dies we are now getting.

I enclose, for payment, the Coiners receipted bill for these coins, $25.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

April 7 8

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition of this date, for the sum of $33,000. for the support of this Mint, for the present month of April, out of the following current appropriations.

Salaries $3,000.
Wages 30,000.

I will make a separate requisition for $20,000. for contingent expenses, out of the seignorage derive from the coinage of silver dollars, to save our appropriation for incident

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

April 4th 8

Sir

I herewith enclose for the Secretary of the Treasury C/D. No 4154 for $318.94 Coin, on account of Parting, Refining and Bar charges

Very respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D C

April 4th 8

Sir;

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor as Superintendent of this Mint, for the sum of Twenty thousand ($20,000) Dollars out of the appropriation for coining Standard Silver Dollars, to defray the Incidental & Contingent Expenses of that coinage during the current month.

Very Respectfully

Jas Crawford

Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 5 8

Sir.

The absence of "ring" in the 25 c piece from the San Francisco Mint, enclosed in your letter of the 4th inst., is owing to a slight flaw in the strip from which it was cut. I send you herewith a good quarter of our own coinage in its place.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr.
W. H. Peckham
Schenectady
N. Y.

April 5th 8

Sir,

Your letter of March 26th, and the package of mineral, arrived this morning. The rocks sent do not seem, upon inspectio to promise any thing valuable. We coul not make an assay for you, for several weeks, owing to the pressure of our regul work, and then only to find gold or silv not other metals. The charge is $5. currency for each assay. You had better send $5. to Messrs, Booth & Garrett, Chant Street, Philadelphia, who are competent assayers, and can give you a full report, without much delay. I will deliver the rocks to them if you so direc

Very Respe Truly
J Pollock
Supt

Mr. Wm Rosenbaum,
Deadwood, Dakota}

April 5 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Report of Assay Coins and Deliveries at this Mint, for the Quarter ending March 31st 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 5th

Sir:

I hand you herewith statement of cost of manufacture of the Standard Silver Dollar, for the month of March 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

April 5th 8

Sir:

I hand you herewith my a/c of Refining Expenses for the Month of March 1878

Very Respectfully

Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 6 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending April 6th 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Crawford

Supt.

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 6 8

Sir,

I enclose a communication just received from the Coiner, reporting a crack in the arch of our No 7 coining press, of so serious nature as to render it worthless for the coinage of silver dollars and diminishing our coinage capacity to that extent. A new arch will be expensive, but with your approval, I will have a new one made at once, and the press set to work again with the least possible delay. I await your instructions.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

April 6th 8

Gentlemen

Under the instructions of the Director of the Mint dated April 5th inst, I hand you herewith Check No. 6903 for Seventy five 89/100 ($75.89) Gold Coin, being the difference due you on the Sale of 30.357.67 fine Ounces Silver Bullion for which return was made at 120 1/2 cts on March 30th ulto, and the Value of the same @ 120 3/4 cts per Oz.

33.730.74 Std Oz = 30.357.67 fine Oz @ 120½ =	36.580.99
Value @ 120¾ cts	36.656.88
Difference	$ 75.89

Very Respectfully

Supt

Aug. Belmont & Co.
New York.

April 6th 8

Sir.

I draw this day Check No 6903 for $75.89 Gold Coin, favor August Belmont & Co. New York, in payment of balance due on Silver Purchased.

Very Respectfully

Jas [illegible]

Supt

Asst. Treas. U.S.

New York.

April 6

Sir,

The five-cent nickel piece sent by you is not a counterfeit; nor is it an authorized coin. It is a trial-piece, of dies made in 1866, and rejected.

So few were struck, that a collector would be glad to get it.

It is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst Treas U. S.
New York

April 6th 8

Sir.

The amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 1.078.271.05/100 Standard ounces.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 6

Sir:

The public service requiring it, I have appointed the following [illegible] to be adjusters in the coiners department in this Mint, at $1.25 per diem each, and submit the same for approval under Section 3507, Revised Statutes.

Miss, Helen E. Brinton.
Mrs, Amelia B. Helmick.
Mrs, Susan De Haas.
Miss, Mary Moore,
Miss, Jennie E. Holcomb,

These appointments to take effect upon confirmation.

The Coiners nomination is here

-with enclosure,

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Hon

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

April 6 8

Sir:

In compliance with your request of March 29th, ultimo, I herewith transmit our Assayers report of his assay of a sample of the five specimens of ore, forwarded by you by Express, on that day, and which prove to be valueless

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(Telegram)

April 8. 1872

Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Not so. The first dollar dies go to the Western Mints to day, ten pairs each.

James Pollock
Supt Mint
per WEP

April 8 8

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst, has been received.

No change has been made in the design of the new silver dollar but we have endeavored to improve the mechanical execution of the dies; those first made not being as highly finished as could be desired, owing to the unprecedented haste in which we were obliged to get them out.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr.
J. Wiley Aulick,
Washington, D.C.

April 8th

Sir

I enclose statements, of Domestic Silver Bullion Purchases for the month ended Mar 30. 1878. Please forward statements in blank for further use, our supply being now exhausted.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 8th 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 3d inst. has been received to day.

The enclosed circulars will explain our mode of doing business; the terms and conditions under which silver bullion is purchased and paid for; and subsidiary silver coins, and minor coins, issued. The ten cent piece is the smallest silver coin now issued.

Very Respectfully

Jas P [illegible]

Robt. Logan, Esq.
Fort Worth
Texas

April 8 8

Sir.

I have transferred Pedro G. Sa
now Helper on the general roll a
$2.50 per diem, to the Assay dep
ment, as Weigher, and have incre
his compensation to $2,75 per diem
to date from the 1st of April, [illegible]
and submit the same for approv
The Assayers request that this
transfer be made is herewith
transmitted.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

April 8

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 6th inst, I have to state that the transfer of Samuel B. Brewster
the Assay department, will not s
persede or interfere with the p
er promotion of Pedro G. Salo
whom you will remember we ha
great difficulty in getting into the Assay department, informally, and whom I have now transferre
regularly from the general roll to the Assayers roll at an increase
compensation.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Supt

April 8th

Sir.

I enclose for your approval a new form of Contract Sheets for recording the Purchases of Silver Bullion which it is believed, will if adopted, save time and labor in the Calculations. The design is to group the weights and fineness so that one Calculation can be made, where under the present arrangement sometimes 75 or 80 are required. If you see no objection please approve and return so that we may have it printed at once.

Very Respectfully Your

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

April 8 8

Sir.

Our vaults for the storage of redeemed Minor coins are again so crowded that we are compelled to stack on the floor. We have now on hand $159,637.80 in redeemed 5 ¢ nickels, and if $75,000. of this amount could be transferred to the vaults of the Asst Treasury in this City, it would relieve us for a time, and I recommend and earnestly request that this be done.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

April 8th 8

Sir:

I have to day forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco by the Adams Express Co, ten (10) obverse and ten (10) reverse dies for standard silver dollars, and six (6) collars for the same together with some suggestions from our Engraver as to the proper method of treating the dies, hardening &c.

I have also to day forwarded the same number of dollar dies and collars to the Mint at Carson; with like instructions from the Engraver.

Express receipts herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.

April 9th

Gentlemen.

A crack has made its appearance in the arch of Press No. 7. in the coining room of this Mint, which renders it unfit for further service. A new Arch must be had as soon as it can be made. Sealed proposals to furnish a new Arch will be received by me until Saturday April 13 1878, at 12 o'clock noon. The proposals should state at what price a new arch will be furnished, 1. If made of cast iron, 2 If made of steel; and how soon it can be furnished and put up ready for uses.

Very Respectfully

Ja. Pollock
Supt

Mess. Hess, & Morgan.
Philadelphia }

April 9th 8

Gentlemen,

A crack has made its appearance in the arch of press No. 7 in the coining room of this Mint, which renders it unfit for further service. A new arch must be had as soon as it can be made. Sealed proposals to furnish a new arch will be received by me until Saturday, April 13, 1878, at 12 o'clock noon. The proposals should state at what price a new arch will be furnished, 1. If made of cast iron, 2. If made of steel; and how soon it can be furnished and put up ready for use.

Very Resp. Yours

Jas. Pollock Supt.

Messrs.
Wm. Sellers & Co.,
Philadelphia,

April 9 8

Gentlemen.

Your bid, under date of the 5th inst, for wrought iron, cast iron, and burnt iron, has been accepted. Please call and make payment, and remove the metal.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs.
Bussenius, Cunliffe & Co.
S. E. Cor. 12th & Washington Av
Philadelphia.

April 9th

Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions received from F. O. French Esq. under date of April 3rd. I enclose Check No. 6904 for Four hundred and ninety eight thousand (498.000) Dollars, Gold Coin, being about 80%, of the nominal value of 536 Bars Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from the party first named, @ 121 5/16 c per ounce fine. Please sign the enclosed receipt in firm name.

Very Respectfully

Messrs. L. Von Hoffmann Co.
New York

Supt.

April 9th 8

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 6904, favor L. von Hoffmann & Co. New York, for $498,000 — Gold Coin, payment for %o Silver Bullion purchased from F. O. French Esq, by the Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

April 9th 8

August Belmont & Co. New York

March 12th 8. Also April 5th 1878

Gross

407.941.86

408.087.73

120 3/4 492.765.94

Being the incomplete sale of 1,000,000 ounces @ 120 3/4%.

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Amended Report
for April 1st 1878.

Re page 215

April 9th 8

August Belmont, & Co, New York

Mar 11th 1878, amended by subsequent letter under date April 5th 1878.

Gross

— 410.106.24

409.701.79

120½¢ 493.690.66

Being the incomplete sale of "410.000 ounces @ 120½¢."

Jas. Pollock

April 9th

Sir

I hand you herewith my a/c of "Ordinary Expenses" for the month of March 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas A Gray

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 9 8

Sir.

In pursuance of your directions of the 6th inst, and the request of the Hon. John Sherman, Secretary of the Treasury, therein communicated, based upon an application from Earl Dufferin Governor General of Canada, I have appointed Miss. Elizabeth Lester, as an Adjuster in the Coiners department of this Mint, at $1 25 per diem, and submit the same for approval.

I enclose the Coiners nomination of Miss. Lester, together with an accompanying note from that

Officer.

We know nothing here of the fitness of Miss Lester for the work that will be required of her, but will give her an opportunity to be useful.

Please furnish her address in this city as I am not advised of the number and street.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 10 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward, Gold Workings, and Silver Workings in the Coiners Department during March 1878.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

April 10 8-

Sir

Referring to your letter (J.W.D.) of the 2d inst, I herewith transmit C.D. No. 1461, for $10.86 on your Currency transfer account, being the bullion value of $18. in silver 3¢ pieces specified in your letter.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D C

April 10 8

Sir:

I herewith transmit the official oaths of the following Adjusters.

Helen E. Brinton,
Amelia V. Helmick,
Mary Moore,

dated the 10th of April, inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 10 8-

Sir:

I have appointed Jerry - Roberson (colored) as a Laborer in the general department of th Mint, at $2, per diem, from confirmation, and submit the sam for approval, under Section 350 of the Revised Statutes.

Mr Roberson is vouched fo as a brave Union soldier, who wa wounded in the service, and is strongly recommended by Hon. Kenneth Rayner, Solicitor of the Treasury, endorsed by yourself and by Hon. C. H. Brogden, M. C. from North Carolina.

I can make him useful.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Crawford

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D C

April 10   8

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 9th inst, I herewith enclose an autograph duplicate of the suggestions from our Engraver, Mr Barber, which without my previous knowledge, were enclosed in the box of silver dollar dies forwarded to the Mint at Carson on the 8th inst. The same suggestions were also enclosed in the box of dollar dies for the Mint at San Francisco. It seems the Engraver supposed the suggestions would be useful, and that sent in that way, they would arrive at the same time with the dies, while if sent by mail they might be a day or two behind hand.

Hereafter all such suggestions and memoranda, will be communicated to you at the time.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 10th 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No 6905 for Thirteen thousand and fifty seven 03/100 ($13.057 03/100) Gold Coin in payment in full for Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint @ 121¢ per ounce fine

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Messrs. J & W. Seligman & Co
New York

April 10th 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 6708 in your favor for Five hundred and twenty five thousand (525,000) Dollars, Gold Coin, on a/c of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint from J. O. French Esq. Final payment for this Silver will be made as soon as assayed

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs.
L. von Hoffmann & Co
New York

April 10th 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 6907 for Three hundred and ninety five thousand (395,000) Dollars Gold Coin, payment on the Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint.

Final payment will be made as soon as assayed.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Messrs. August Belmont & Co
New York

April 10th 8

Sir.

I draw this day the following Checks, viz —

No. 6905,	favor	J & W. Seligman & Co.	$13.057.03
6906	"	L. von Hoffmann & Co.	525,000.
6907	"	Aug. Belmont & Co.	395.000.

all for Silver Bullion Purchased.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

April 10 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward,

1. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited during March 1878.

2. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver bullion during March 1878.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Crawford

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 11 8

Sir,

The Mint does not do the work called for in your letter of the 9th inst. You should apply to a jeweler. The little package enclosed in your letter is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Thos. S. Porter, P.M.
Williamstown
Ky.

April 11th 85

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No 6908 for Two hundred and thirty eight thousand (238,000) Dollars Gold Coin, being a payment on a/c. of Silver Bullion delivered by you under authority of the Director of the Mint.

Final payment will be made as soon as the assay can be made. Please sign the enclosed receipts in name of firm and return by next mail.

Very Respectfully
Supt

Messrs.
Lazard Frères
New York

April 11th

Sir

I draw this day Check No. 6908 favor Lazard Frères, for $238,000 Gold Coin, being payment for a/c. Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

April 10 8

Letters of this date, inviting sealed proposals up to Thursday, April 18. 1878, for the construction of a new cutting engine (steam) complete for the Coiners department, according to specifications stated (filed with the Directors letter of April 4. 1878.) were addressed by mail, to-day, to the following manufacturers in Philadelphia.

Mr. Jacob Naylor
Messrs. Orr, Hess, & Morgan.
Mr. Geo. C. Howard
Mr. A. O. Granger
Mr. Chas. P. Gladwin.

Jas Pollock
Supt

April 11 8

Gentlemen.

Your note of the 10th inst, has been received.

I am still open to an offer for the steel specified in my former letter, as the bids received were so extremely low that I did not feel justified in accepting them. The steel is of a superior quality, and has never been used, but is not of the right size for our present uses. Please send some one to look at it, and then favor me with a bid, if you can make use of it in your business.

Very Respectfully

Sec

Messrs.
Henry Disston & Sons.
Philadelphia }

April 11 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 10th inst, has been received.

The U. S. Mint was not burned in 1814, nor at any other time.

The enclosed card will enable you to ascertain the market value of old coins. The Mint has no list of the kind.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr. Charles Davis.
Pawling P. O.
Pa.

April 11 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 9th inst, has been received.

The usual mode of addressing packages containing deposits is as follows.

U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa

with the name and address of the sender distinctly marked on the outside, and your instructions sen inside. The Mint Agent of the Adams Express Co. will dispose of it on arrival as you may direct. You, of course, will look to the Express Companies for the safe transmission of your deposit, and return of the proceeds.

Very Respectfully
Jno Pocock
Supt

Mr.
Addison Borst.
Passpatanzy. P.O.
Va

April 11th 8

J & W. Seligman & Co. New York

March 22d 8

200.303.35

121 ⅌ 199.983.14

241.979.60

Jno [illegible]

April 11 8

Sir,

Your postal card of the 8th inst has been received.

All U. S. gold and silver coins made at the San-Francisco Mint are distinguished by a small letter S; those made at the Carson City Mint, Nevada, by the letters CC; and those New-Orleans by the letter O. The coinage of the parent Mint at Philadelphia has no such distinguishing mark.

I send you some Mint circulars. We have no publication with regard to the Morgan dollar.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Mr.

A. S. Gilkeson

Milford, Md.

April 12 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th inst. has been received.

We have no copy of the Directors report for 1874, except what belong to our files, and cannot be spared.

Very Respectfully
Jno. C. Powell
Supt

Mr
H. P. Smith.
New York.

April 12th 8

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 11th Inst, enclosing coin draft for $25.00 in payment for same amount of Silver dollars forwarded to you on the 4th Inst,

Very respectfully

J. R. Beech
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 12 8

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 11th inst, I send you to day by mail the only spare copy of the Mint Laws, edition of 1867, that I can find in the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

April 12 8

Sir.

I herewith forward C/D. of this date, No. 1720, for the sum of $5,000. as a transfer of funds on account of subsidiary silver coin.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Powel
Supt.

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

April 13 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending April 13. 1878.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. [illegible]

Su

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 10. 8

Sir,

Referring to your letters of the 6th inst, and December 15. 1877, I herewith enclose a communication from our Melter & Refiner, Prof. Booth, with regard to Mr Outerbridges plans for preventing vaporization and loss of the precious metals. I have learned since the receipt of your letter of the 6th, that there is in the Melter & Refiners hands a record of the trials made of the plan, covering about forty foolscap pages, with colored drawings of the apparatus. Shall I wait for Prof Booths report on the subject, or forward a copy of the record now, and forward his report afterwards

Very Respectfully

Jas. Crawford

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

DC

April 13th

Gentlemen:

I enclose Check No 6909 for One hundred and one thousand, one hundred and twenty six 17/100 (101,126.17) Dollars, Gold Coin, being the balance due you on 408.965.41 fine Ozs Silver Bullion, delivered on the purchase of the Director of the Mint of 400,000. Ozs. @ 121 3/16 c. per ounce fine.

Memorandum will be forwarded in due course of business.

Very Respectfully

Messrs.
August Belmont & Co.
New York.

April 13th 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 6916 for Two hundred and fifty five thousand (255,000$) Dollars, Gold Coin, payment for a/c Silver Bullion delivered by you under Sale of 1,000,000 ounces to the Director of the Mint, @ 121 5/16 c. per ounce fine.

Very Respectfully

Jas. [illegible]

Supt

Messrs

Lazard Frères

65 Pine St.

New York

April 13th 8

Sir,

I draw this day checks
No. 6909, Aug. Belmont & Co. $101.126.17
" 6910, Lazard Frères, 255.000.
Gold Coin, in payment for a/c of Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Ja. Pollock
Supt.

Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

April 13th 8

August Belmont

New York

March 26th 8

408.920.92

408.965.41

121 5/16 496.126.17

April 13 8

Sir:

In compliance with your directions of the 10th inst, I have quietly examined our coinage operations to see if any and what improvements can be made in the standard silver dollars, without interfering with the general design, or impairing improvements already made, and have also conferred with Mr Downing, foreman of the Coining room, and Mr Straub, foreman in the Engravers department whose joint report I herewith transmit for your consideration.

It is plain that further improve

ment is both practicable and desirable.

I also enclose Mr. Barber's estimate of the number of dollar dies that can be prepared for the Western Mints, and for this Mint

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 13th 8

Sir;

The Amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is approximately as follows, viz.

Standard Ozs	2.162.405.37
* Purchases and Deposits on hand and Unassayed, Gross Ozs	1.276.272.83

Very Respectfully

Jas. Revel

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.
D.C.

* These items are not included in the Standard of a/c.

April 13 8

Sir,

In compliance with your reque of the 12th inst, I herewith forward the original bill of John Jay Knox for traveling expenses as Assay Commissioner, voucher #143, ordinary expense a/c for March, 1878.

In regard to vouchers 123 and 156, mitts made by Isabella Horner, they are of a different size and of better material than those made by other persons. I enclose a communication on the subject from the Coiner, to which I invite your attention.

I also send by the Adams Express Co, for your inspection,

pair of mitts made for the
Coiners Department by Mrs,
Homer, and one pair made by
other parties for the Melter
and Refiner, You will see
that the difference in price
is accounted for on the mitts,

I hope this explanation
and exhibit will prove sat-
isfactory. Please return the Mitts

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 13 8

A. L. Hench Esq

Dear Sir

Your mineral is micaceous iron ore.

Very truly yrs

Jas. Pollock

Supdt.

Alum Bank

Bedford Co Pa

April 13 8

Mr W. W. Eby

Woodward, Centre Co. Penn.

Sir

The mineral is slate, with iron pyrites.

Yours respy

Jas. Pollock

Supdt.

April 13 8

Mr James B. Sherley
Ore Mills, Monroe Co. Tenn.

Dear Sir

The *metal* is cast iron. The *earth* is clay, tinged with iron.

Yours respy

Ja Reed
Supdt.

April 1

Sir

On the 9th inst I forw ed to you for confirmation the nomination of Miss Elizabeth Lester as an Adjuster in the Mint at $1.25 per diem, at the request of the Secretary of the Treasury and Earl Dufferin, but have had no notice of the receipt of my letter, or the confirmation of the appointment. Have you received the letter making the nomination?

I also asked for her a which I have since ascertained Professor's confirmation receiv

Very Respec

Jas Pollock

Hon. H. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint

April 15

Sir:

As requested by H. Silver, Assayer in charge of the Mint at Denver, I herewith transmit to your office for the Secretary of the Treasury, the original 18th inst. No. 4169, for $35-76 c on a/c of deductions on bullion at that Mint, for the first quarter, 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 15 8

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 8d inst, I herewith enclose duplicate Cft. 10th inst No. 4169, in your name, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia for $35 76 coin, on a/c of deductions on bullion at your Mint for 1st quarter 18[illegible], being the coin value of the unparted gold bar specified in your letter.

The "original" has been forwarded to the Director of the Mint as per your request.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pol

Supt

H. Silver, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint
Denver, Col.

April 15 8

Sir

The box of assay coins from your Mint for the first quarter of 1878, specified in your two letters of the 4th inst. has been received. I have noted on the box, your correction of the value of its contents.

Very Respectfully

Supt

H. L. Dodge, Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
San Francisco.
Cal

April 15 8.

Sir:

The two boxes of assay coins from your Mint, for the first quarter of 1878, specified in your letter (unsigned) of the 2d inst, have been received.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Supt U. S. Mint

Carson.

Nevada

April 15 8

Sir,

Your letter, and its enclosures $5.10, was received this A.M.

The exchange you request is entirely outside of Mint transaction but as an accommodation to you, I have procured, and herewith enclose, a $5.— gold piece of this year's coinage. You will please advise me of its receipt.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

James M. Miller, Esq
Harrisburg
Pa

April 15 8

Sir

As requested in your note of the 13th inst, your papers are herewith returned.

We are overwhelmed with applications, and regret that we cannot make additional appointments.

Very Respectfully,
James Pollock
Supt

Mr. J. H. Straight
Washington
D.C.

per W. O. S.

April 15 8

Sir:

Upon the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst, I addressed a letter to William Sellers & Co. and also to Messrs. Orr, Hess and Morgan, both of this City well known manufacturers, inviting sealed proposals for a new arch for coining press No 7. and requesting them to state the price made of cast iron, and also it made of steel, and the time when it could be furnished in either metal.

The proposals were opened to day, and proved to be as follows

Wm Sellers & Co.

Of Cast Iron, in 39 days. $675,00

" Steel in 62 " $1275,00.

Cope, Hess, & Morgan

Of Cast Iron, about 5 weeks. $950.00

" Steel - actual time - $1900,00.

The proposals are herewit submitted for your considera and award. Wm Sellers & Co, being the lowest bidders, woul seem to be entitled to the contra Cast iron would probably ans our purpose, but whether the arch should be made of iron or steel, I leave to you to decide, as also to whom the award shall be given.

Aside from putting up the arch, there are no repairs to be made to the press, but if there should be any require they can be made by our machinists.

Please return the proposals when you have acted on them.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

(Telegram) April 16. 1878

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson. Nevada

Dies for new dollar were forwarded by Express, Monday eighth of April, inst.

Jas Pollock
Supt M.

April 16 8

Sir

Your letter of the 13th inst was duly received.

The Mint does not want "a quarter dollar of 1853," nor have we issued any "list" that they are wanted.

Your application should be made to coin dealers, who are to be found in all the large cities.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
H. R. Woodward.
New York.

April 16 8

Sir.

Your letter of the 12th inst. has been received.

The Mint has no published price list of old coins, and is not in the market as a purchaser.

Your application should be made to coin dealers.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Mr.
Taylor J. Riley.
Muncie.
Ind.

April 16 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th inst has been received.

The Mint has not "offered a reward of $300, or any other sum, "for a fifty cent piece made in the year 1827," and does not want one.

Your application should be made to coin dealers.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr.
Geo. L. Sapris.
Denver.
Col

April 16 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th inst. has been received.

The U. S. Mint never coined or issued a smaller gold piece than one dollar.

50¢ and 25¢ gold pieces were struck by private parties in California, prior to the admission of that state into the Union; and some bogus pieces of those denominations have been manufactured of late years in Kansas and west of the mountains, but it is an indictable offence to make or circulate them. Some that we assayed proved to be worth about six, and eleven cents, respectively.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

R. M. Bertolet, M.D.
A. A. Surgeon, U. S. A.
Santa Fe
New Mexico

April 16 8

Sir.

I herewith transmit the official oaths of the following employes in this Mint.

Jennie M. Holcomb, Adjuster.
Elizabeth Lester, do
Jerry Roberson, Laborer.

Miss. Holcombs middle initial is M, instead of E. as heretofore erroneously given.

Very Respectfully
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

April 16th 8

Gentlemen:

I enclose Check No. 6911, in your favor for Four hundred and ninety five (495.000) thousand Dollars, Gold Coin, being payment on a/c, of 539 Bars Silver received this am. from you, under Sale to the Director of the Mint by F. O. French, @ 120 15/16¢. per ounce fine.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
L. von Hoffmann & Co.
New York

April 16th 8

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 6911 for $495,000, Gold Coin favor L. von Hoffmann & Co. New York, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased from F. O. French.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Asst. Treas. U. S.
New York

April 16 8

Sir:

We are running out of funds for wages of workmen and adjusters, and by to morrow will not have a dollar left for this purpose.

As our operatives are now under heavy pressure, and ready money, as they need it from time to time, keeps them in best heart and working condition, may I ask that our draft for the current month be forwarded as soon as practicable.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

April 16 8

Sir:

You will see by the enclosed communication of this date from our Assayer, Mr. Du Bois, that Mr. G. W. Edelman, who has been sent here by Mr. Glover, Chairman of a committee of the House of Representatives to examine into Mint operations and accounts, claims that charges or deductions should be made by the Assayer on the large purchases of silver made by the Government for the legal tender silver dollar.

As these purchases are made by the Treasury Department and not by the Superintendent, and at the market price thereof," as agreed upon by the contracting parties, under the mandatory terms of the Act of February 28, 1878, and the Government as purchaser, becomes the depositor, and the silver dollars are coined for the Government, it is evident that the provisions of the 27th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, do not apply.

The Government being the purchaser at the best market price, and the ownership of the bullion being vested in the Government by the purchase, no deductions are chargable against the Government as depositor, or if made would have to be paid by the Government to itself; the bullion, and the dollars and the Mint, all being its own property.

When bullion is deposited by private parties the Government fixes the charges and deductions for operating it; but these can have, legitimately, no application to the Government purchases under the silver dollar Act; and it is not for the Mint to determine the purchasing price of the bullion, or indirectly modify the price afterwards, through deductions and charges.

I submit this question because it has been presented here and have to suggest that to relieve our Assayer from all embarrassment you make an order for his guidance in the matter.

I would add that under the circumstances, it might be well to have the order approved by the Secretary.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

April 17th. 8

Gentlemen:

I enclose Check No. 6912 for One hundred and twenty seven thousand six hundred and thirty nine .06/100 (127,639.06) Dollars Gold Coin, being the balance due you on Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint @ 121, 5/16d per ounce fine. Memorandums will be furnished as soon as completed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs.
Lazard Freres.
New York

April 17th 8

Sir:

I draw this day Check No. 6912 favor Lazard Frères for $127.639.06, Gold Coin, being payment for Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

April 17 8

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 16th inst, I herewith transmit a copy of my letter of the 9th inst, addressed to Messrs. Orr, Hess & Morgan, and also to Wm. Sellers & Co., inviting proposals to furnish a new arch for Coining Press, No. 7.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 17 8

J. M. Phipps Esq - Dear Sir

The three specimens sent by you have no connection, and could not have come from the same ore. One is a bit of cast iron; another is a strip of metal, chiefly copper; the third is a granulation of silver with copper, no doubt part of a coin melted. You will do well to be cautious of a trick upon you.

The Mint charge for this examination is five dollars.

Truly yours

J C Booth

[illegible]

Oxford - Miss.

April 17

Hon: H. R. Linderman
Director &c.

Sir

The mineral sent by you, rec^d on the 2^d inst. is carbonate & oxide of lead, containing thirteen ounces (13 ozs.) silver to the ton.

Very respectfully
Ja^s Pollock
Supt

April 17 8

Sir:

I have to day forwarded by the Adams Express Co, to the Mint at Carson five pairs dies for the legal tender silver dollar, and fifteen pairs of the same to the Mint at San Francisco.

Express receipts herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. [illegible]
Sup

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

April 18 8-

Sir.

Your letter of the 15th inst, is received

We only make assays of ores to see if they contain gold or silve but not for other metals, the M charge is $5. for each specimen a-sayed. A pound of the ore will be enough for an assay. From the description given, your specimen is doubtless iron ore. You had better send the ore, and $5, to Mes Booth & Garrett, Chant Street Phi adelphia, competent assayers, who ca give you a reliable report within a reasonable time.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Mr. Wm Gilbert
Gilbert P.O.
Monroe, Co. Pa.

April 18th 8

Sir;

Please draw your Transfer Order for Fifty Thousand (50.000) Dollars, to reimburse you for Minor Coins withdrawn from the "Redemption Fund" and reissued.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. Jas Gilfillan
Treas U.S.
Washington
D.C.

April 18 8

Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 16th inst, has been received.

The Mint makes the fine silver bars of commerce for depositors of silver bullion but does not keep them for sale or make platers silver in rolls.

You can buy the commercial bars of Messrs. Sailer & Stevenson, No. 46 South Third Street, Philadelphia and I presume that Messrs. W. H. Sheafer & Co, manufacturing jewelers, No. 908 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, could furnish or procure for you, platers silver in rolls.

As the transaction is outside of

my official duties, the draft on New York for $1.00, enclosed in your letter, is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pollock
Supt

Peoria Plating Works
Peoria
Ill

April 19 8

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 18th inst, I herewith forward a verbatim copy carefully compared of the letter of Hon. J. M. Glover, Chairman of the House Committee on Expenditures in the Treasury Department, to me, under date of the 5th inst, authorizing Mr. Geo. W. Edelman to examine the transactions, accounts and correspondence of this Mint from 1878 to the present time.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

April 19 8

Sir,

Your letter of the 11th inst, has been received.

There were no express charges at this end of the line, on the box of assay coins from your Mint for the first quarter of 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

H. L. Dodge, Esq

Supt U. S. Mint

San Francisco

Cal

April 19th 8

Sir

In compliance with your letter of the 18th Inst, received this morning, I forward herewith Statement of Sale of Old Material amounting to $108.42 and for which I forwarded the C/D on the 17th Inst, - the Statement, owing to the press of business at that time, having been overlooked

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon H. R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

April 19th 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 6913 for Two hundred and twenty four thousand, eight hundred and Seventy two 53/100 (224.872.53) Dollars, Gold Coin, being the balance due on purchase from F. O. French of Silver Bullion, @ 121 5/16¢ per Ounce fine. Memorandum will follow in due order of business.

Very Respectfully
Supt

Messrs.
L. von Hoffmann & Co.
New York

April 19th 8

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 6913 for $224.872.^{53} Gold Coin, favor L. von Hoffmann & Co, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased from F. O. French

Very Respectfully
Supt.

Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

April 19th 8

F. O. French

New York

March 26th 8

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April 19

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst. enclosing a pamphlet copy of the Regulations governing the business of the Mint, has been received.

In compliance with your request an itemized statement of the schedule of charges will be made out and forwarded to you as soon as may be practicable, together with such additions and changes in the rules and regulations as have been made since the first edition was printed.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Supt

April 19 8

Sir:

I find myself obliged to make a requisition upon the Department, and ask that it be marked special, for one volume, in half roan binding, containing one thousand receipts for minor coins sent in for redemption, according to the enclosed copy. Also one thousand deposit slips for the enclosed copy, unbound.

I am informed by Mr. Geo. W. Davis in charge of the redemption counting room that we have scarcely a weeks supply of these blanks on hand, and will therefore need new ones as soon as they can be furnished.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 20 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst. has been received.

The Mint does not furnish chemically pure silver to private parties. We make a small quantity, from time to time, but only for Mint purposes.

Very Respectfully,
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Dr. J. Fry.
Johnstown.
Pa

April 20th 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 6914 for Four Hundred and Sixty thousand (460000) Dollars Gold Coin, a payment on a/c. of Balance Silver delivered by you in completion of Sale to the Director of the Mint @ 120 15/16¢ per ounce fine, by F. O. French.

Very Respectfully
J. H. French
Supt

Mess. L. von Hoffmann & Co.
New York

April 20th 8

Sir.

I draw this day check No. 6914, favor L. von Hoffmann & Co. New York, for $460.000. Gold Coin, payment on %. Silver Bullion purchased from F. O. French.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Asst. Treas. U. S.
New York

April 20 8

Sir:

I regret to announce the death, at 8 P.M. on the 19th inst, after a weeks illness, of Mr. Jonathan Tompkins, for many years adjuster of weights and balances in this Mint. He was an unobtrusive and faithful employe, and this institution has sustained a loss in his death.

His name is on the general roll as machinist, and will be dropped accordingly.

Very Respectfully,
Jas. Pollock
Sup't

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

April 20 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending April 20. 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

April 20 8

Sir:

Your instructions of the 19th inst, with regard to deductions and charges on silver bullion purchased by the Treasury Department and delivered at this Mint, have been communicated to our Assayer for his information and guidance, and a certified copy placed in his hands.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

April 20th 8

Sir:

The Amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is approx=imately as follows, viz

Standard Ounces	3.453.700.67
Deposits & Purchases (unassayed) not included in Std Ozs of Approx Ozs.	790.372.40

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 20 8

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th inst, I have to acknowledge the receipt from Mr. Paquet of the hubs for the Life Saving medal of the first class, and I have directed that a new obverse die be prepared as soon as may be practicable.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 20 8

Sir

We have received seven hundred empty specie boxes from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at St Louis, Mo, and as every available spot at my command is crowded, I have earnestly to request that the Department will not direct any more of these boxes to be forwarded to this Mint for the present. I have no place to put them.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

April 20 8

Sir.

The specimen of ore enclosed in yours of the 14th inst, proves upon inspection to be only quartz, containing iron pyrites, and of no value.

Very Respty

Jas. [illegible]

Supt

Mr.
J. W. Wheeler.
Johnstown
W Va

April 20 8

Sir: -

Your letter of the 19th inst, has been received, advising me of the intended increase of the gold bullion fund of this Mint, in fine gold bars, and bars of British standard, now held by the Asst. Treasurer U. S. at New York, and to be coined into Half and Quarter Eagles, and transferred to the U. S. Treasury.

In compliance with your closing suggestion, I have directed $500,000. of our gold bullion on hand to be coined into Half Eagles. The ingots for this purpose will be cast on Monday, the 22d inst,

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 22   8

Sir,

The half dollar enclosed in yours of the 19th inst. is a good coin, but badly abused by roasting, pickling &c. It stands the right liquid test, and is 8 grs (2 cents) light.

It is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully

Mr.
Wm. H. Baldwin, Esq.
Youngstown
Ohio

April 22 8-

Sir:

In reply to your notice of the 20th inst, that the Superintendent of the New York Assay Office desires to transfer about 400,000 ounces fine silver to this Mint as soon as possible on account of limited vault room, I have to report that it is utterly impossible for me to receive it at the present time. Our vaults are all full, including the use, for silver, of the vault under the front portion. I have this moment received a telegram from Lazard Freres, New York, that they have to day forwarded to this Mint 4,87 silver bars. Where we are to put it I do not know.

I earnestly request that no more silver be forwarded to me from any quarter, until I can make room for it.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 22 8

Dear Sir

The two ¼ dolls. (herewith returned) are genuine, but do not ring by reason of a flaw; very conspicuous in one case, the other hardly visible. This happens in rare cases, and is usually due to a fault in the copper alloy. Right weight, & good engraving, are generally safe tests of goodness, when the ring fails. Coins returned as requested.

Yours truly
Ja. Pollock
Supt.

D. Osborne Esq.

April 22 8

Dear Sir

Spanish & Mexican dollars can be safely taken as equal to our dollar.

There are very few 50 or 25 cts of Spanish money, and if worn smooth, they are too light to pass for face value. It is not easy to put a value on them; say 45 cents for a half, & 22 for a quarter.

Yours respy
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mr F. B. Fichthorn.
Reading Pa.

April 28 8

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your telegrams and letters on the subject, we shall, in compliance with your directions run the Mint to its full capacity with overtime until the close of the present month.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 23rd 8

Gentlemen.

I enclose Check No. 6915 for Four hundred and Seventy five thousand — (475,000) Dollars, Gold Coin, being payment on a/c. Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint @ 121 5/16¢ per ounce fine.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Messrs Lazard Frères.
New York

April 23rd 8

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 6915 favor Lazare Frères, for $475,000.— Gold Coin, payment for a/c. Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

April 23 8

Sir:

The enclosed letter from David Baldwin, Treasurer of the Savings Bank of Baltimore, raises the question whether we can receive Trade Dollars over the counter by weight as bullion, and pay for the same at the London rate in standard silver dollars, or in gold coin at ½ a cent per ounce fine below the London rate. As trade dollars are not coin in the technical meaning of the term but merely stamped bullion, there would seem to be no legal impropriety in treating them as bullion.

Please return Mr. Baldwin's letter with directions for my guidance in this and similar cases.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Powell
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

April 23 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst. to Mr. Geo. C. Thompson, Mint Agent of the Adams Express Co., has been received, and referred to me for answer.

The enclosed circular will explain our mode of doing business. All deposits from a distance are at once turned over, on their arrival, to the Mint Agent of the Adams Express Co. as no person connected with the Mint is allowed to make such deposits.

Supposing he was accommodating you Mr. Thompson very kindly handed your deposit to the competent assayer who always attends to these little affairs for him, and the product was a small button, with very little gold in it, and worth altogether not more than one dollar. Shall it be forwarded to you? Answer by return mail.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr.
A. A. Patillo
Greensboro
Ala

April 28 8

Sir:

I yesterday received your letter of the 26th inst, with regard to the breakage of dollar dies at San Francisco Mint &c.

In reply to a portion of your inquiries I herewith enclose a report from our Engraver and Mr. Straub, that Mr. Hunter has become proficient in hardening dies, and is competent to perform that work satisfactorily at the Mint at San Francisco.

I am not yet prepared to report with regard to Mr. Chas. E. Barber, I presume he is competent to direct the hardening of dies, but it is not certain that he would be willing to break up his family arrangements here, and go so far away. At least that is the impression that his father privately conveys to me.

Fifteen (15) pairs of dies for the standard silver dollars, will be forwarded to the Mint at San Francisco, tomorrow (Wednesday) and arrangements have been made to keep up a continuous supply as fast as they may be needed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.
D.C.

April 24 8

Sir

Yours of the 22d inst. ha been received.

The "widows mite" (lepton) is a Greek coin, very diverse as to the impressions on it. There is scarcely any thing to be seen on the one in the Mint cabinet. We chiefly know it by collateral proofs. It weighs about ten grains.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Supt
per W.E.E.

Mr.
M. E. Lewis.
Milford
N. H

April 24 8

Sir

Yours of the 22^d^ inst, has been received.

The gold must be separa from the quartz, before it can received by the Mints on dep Clean grains, or melted bars, will run 17½ to 18½ dollars per ounce.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Supt
per W E E

Messrs.
Deitrichs & Kipps.
Indianapolis
Ind

April 24 8

Sir

Your letter of the 23d inst has been received.

You must have mistaken the character of the head on the coin mentioned, as there was no "Washington" half dollar struck in 1795. It is a head of Liberty, femal! and at that time there were fifteen stars on the coins, one for each state, afterwards returned to thirteen, as the number of states was increasing too rapidly.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr.
G. White
No. 101 Fourth Av
New York

April 24 8

Sir

Your bill of Feby 1. 1878 for $19.40 expressage paid to Wells, Fargo & Co. on $200. of minor coins from this Mint, from Omaha to Helena, has been directed by the Authorities at Washington D.C. to be paid for.

For this purpose I herewith enclose a receipted bill, in duplicate, for you to sign and return to me, with directions how I shall send the money. The Mint does not make payment by check or draft. You will also sign the receipt at the bottom of the enclosed warrant, and return it to me, undated, with the bills.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Mr. E. W. Knight Cashier
1st Natl Bank,
Helena, Montana

April 24 8

Sir:

I have to day forwarded to you by the Adams Express Company, a wax impression from the dies for the Hayes Presidential medal prepared by Mr. Morgan.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.
D.C.

April 27 8

Sir.

Referring to your directions of the 20th inst, I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, fifteen (15) pairs of dies for standard silver dollars. Express receipt herewith enclosed. The box does not contain any special instructions.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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April 25 8

Sir,

I have this morning received your letter of the 24th inst enclosing a copy of your letter of the same date to the "Savings Bank of Baltimore Md", with regard to the purchase of Trade Dollars as Bullion.

In reply to your inquiries as to the rate of purchase in gold an silver respectively, I have this explanation to make.

Your letter of the 26th of Octo 1877 directed me to pay for silve purchased over the counter in go coin at the rate of one half cent per ounce fine below the Londo quotations on the day of purchas

On the 21st of March 1878, you directed these purchases to be paid for in standard silver dollars at the *equivalent* of the London rate. I was about writing you in reply to enquire if this order superseded payments in gold, when I received your telegram of March 22d to pay in gold or silver, but there was nothing in the dispatch to indicate any change in the *rate* of purchase when paid in gold; and we have accordingly continued to pay in gold at one half cent per ounce fine below the London rate, and in standard silver dollars at the equivalent of the London rate. We have however paid out very little gold, having, in accordance with your preference, encouraged payments in silver dollars as much as possible. Gold would have been preferred by depositors in most cases if the rate of purchase had been the same as in silver dollars.

If I am to pay at the same rate, in both gold and silver, you will please so advise me.

Very Respectfully
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 25

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 4th of April inst. I herewith submit for your consideration the following proposals received for the construction of a new cutting engine for the Coiners department of this Mint.

Orr, Hess & Morgan.	$2,350.
Jacob Naylor	2,400.
M. O. Granger & Co	2,470.
Geo. C. Howard.	2,668.

I also enclose one of the original letters inviting these proposals. They were all identical in terms.

Messrs. Orr, Hess & Morgan, being the lowest bidders, seem to be entitled to the contract at their offer. I leave the matter to your decision.

Please return the papers with your reply.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

DC

April 26 8

Dear Sir

The rock you send is an oxide of iron with some fossil (shelly) attachment, but of no value.

Yours truly

Jas Reed

Supt

Mr John Hughes
Keyser
W. Va.

April 26 8

Sir.

The specimen of ore you sent to the Mint, proves upon examination to be iron pyrites in quartz, and of no value.

Very Resptly
James Pollock
Supt

A. J. Tompkins
Hot Springs
Ark

April 26th 8

Gentlemen:

I enclose Check No. 6916 for One hundred and Seventeen thousand, one hundred & fifty five (117.155) Dollars, Gold Coin, being balance due you on purchase of 999.727.20 fine ounces Silver Bullion @ 121 5/16c per oun[ce] fine. Memorandum will follow in due course of business.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs. Lazard Freres.
65 Pine St.
New York

April 26th 8

Sir,

I draw this day Check No. 6916 favor Lazard Freres, New York, for $117.155.– Gold Coin in payment for Silver Bullion purchased.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

April 26th 8

Lazard Frères

New York

Mar. 26th 8

1.002.083.—

999.727.20

121 5/16

1.212.794.06

April 26 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 24th inst. has been received.

Gold bars and silver bars are bought and sold by the ounce Troy.

An ounce of pure gold is worth $20.67 in U. S. gold coin.

A U. S. gold dollar weighs 25.8 grains, and is nine tenths pure metal.

The term "carat" is no longer used in coinage operations; but thousandths; 1.000 fine being pure metal. U. S. gold and silver coins are 900 fine; that is 900 parts pure metal, and 100 parts alloy

The U. S. Mint never issued a larger coin than the gold double eagle, $20. nor a smaller gold coin than one dollar.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr. J. De Witt Clark
Brooklyn
N. Y.

April 26 8

Sir:

I have communicated to Mr Henry J. Hunter your proposition of the 24th inst, to transfer him to the Mint at San Francisco, and assign him to the duty of hardening and tempering dies at that institution.

He accepts your offer on the terms stated, but informs me that he cannot arrange his domestic affairs to leave so early as the first of May, and would like to have his departure delayed until the 15th to enable him to settle his family comfortably before he starts for so remote a location. If this cannot be granted he will try to be ready by the 10th although it will subject him to considerable inconvenience.

He is also anxious to use the intervening time to perfect himself in basining and turning dies, in addition to the hardening. This would be judicious and advisable, and of advantage to the Government, and I hope my meet your approval.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 26   8

Sir

In accordance with your directions, endorsed on the letter to you of March 20. 1878, from Mr. Bernard J. Molloy, of London, requesting that a trial be made at this Mint, of Molloy & Warran's patented process for recovering Nitric Acid used in refining gold and silver, was referred to our Melter & Refiner, Prof. Booth, and I herewith transmit in reply a report from him to the effect that, for the reasons stated, there would be no economy in its use, under our present limited scale of refining operations. In this opinions I entirely concur.

Mr Moley's letter and the printed specifications, are herewith returned, as requested.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 27 8

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending April 27. 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

April 27 8

Sir:

Your draft No. 63011, on the National Park Bank, New-York, for $5.00, enclosed in your letter of the 25th inst, is herewith returned.

The two enclosed circulars will show you how to proceed to procure subsidiary silver coin and minor coins from the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Mr.
E. S. Wilkinson, Cas.
North Adams.
Mass.

April 27 8

F. E. Fitch Esq.r — Sir
Elmira, N.Y.

In reply to yours of 23.d with mineral specimen, I have to say

1. A sample for assay should not be in powder, but in the original rock. A pound, or less, will suffice.

2. The Mint charge, five dollars, must accompany the specimen.

3. The present hurry of coinage will make a delay, and if you wish it soon, we recommend Messrs Booth & Garrett, or Professor Genth, Philada., who will do it promptly, at the same charge.

Truly yours
Jas. Pollock
Supt

April 27 8

Sir,

I herewith transmit our Assayers report of his assays of a sample of ore from Southern California, to Hon. John P. Jones, specified in your letter of the 15th inst.

The suggestion in the Assayers foot note, I leave to your consideration.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 27 8

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst, and its contents, I herewith return your warrant of that date, No. 204, for $\$40^{\underline{18}}$ in favor of S. G. Boughton, duly receipted by Mr. Boughton.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

James Crawford, Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
Carson
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April 27 8

Sir:

Your instructions of the 26th inst, to pay silver purchases over the counter only in standard silver dollars at the equivalent of the London rate, and not to pay in gold coin, unless specifically authorized from your office, with the approval of the Secretary have been received, and directions given accordingly.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

April 27th 8

Sir;

The Amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day, is approximately as follows, viz:

	Fine Ozs	4.174.596.40
Purchases & Deposits (unassayed) not included in Stdg Ozs	Gross Ozs	270.000.00

Very Respectfully

Jas Crawford
Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 27 8—

Sir:

Your letter of the 25th inst, has been received.

The liquid test specified in your letter is exactly right.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Wm. H. Baldwin, Cas.
Youngstown
Ohio

April 27 8

Gentlemen.

Your proposal of the 17th inst, to furnish a new cutting Engine for the Coiners department of this Mint, for the sum of $2350 has been approved by the Director and accepted. You will please call at the Mint and execute a contract for the same, accordingly.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Orr, Hew & Morgan
1219 Callowhill St
Philadelphia

April 29 8

Sir:

I herewith transmit C/D. No. 1487, for $3.88 silver coin, on currency transfer account, being the bullion value of $4.05 in mutilated silver 5¢ pieces, specified in your letter (J.W.W.) of the 22d inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon
Jas. Gilfillan
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

April 27th 8

Gentlemen

I have your letter of yesterday respecting the balance due you on Silver delivered. As there seems to be some misunderstanding, I enclose you a detailed statement of your a/c to date, and remark that as soon as the melting and assay of the balance of Silver is completed a Check will be forwarded to close your a/c.

possibly on Monday.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Messrs. L. von Hoffmann & Co.
New York

F. C. French. Silver a/c.

	Ozs. std.	$
Amt assayed per Mem.	288.281.68	314.749.54
" " " "	291.687.23	318.467.76
" " " "	282.574.55	308.518.42
" " " "	280.393.21	306.136.81
Total @ 121 5/16 fine.	1.142.936.64.	1.247.872.53

Of which Checks were sent for $498.000 - $525,000 and $224.872.53 respectively.

	Ozs. std.	$
Amt. assayed per Mem.	260.404.90 -	283.434.46
" " " "	308.580.21 -	335.870.27
" " " "	271.751.22 -	295.784.22
Total assayed @ 120 15/16ths fine,	840.736.33 -	915.088.95

against which Checks have been sent for $495,000 - and $460.000 - respectively.

April 27 8

Sir:

As suggested in your letter of the 22d inst, competent machinists have been consulted as to the practicability of mending the cracked coining press No. 7.

The result you have in the enclosed communication, on the subject, from the Coiner, to the effect that it would not be advisable to repair it, in which conclusion I entirely concur.

A new arch (of cast iron) being a necessity, I respectfully submit that the proposal of Wm Sellers & Co. should be accepted, they being first class machinists, and much the lowest bidder.

I await your instructions.

Very Respectfully

Jas Crawford

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

April 29 1878

The following report of the Assayer of the New York Assay Office of the assay of test coins reserved at this Mint during April for that purpose, has been handed to the Melter & Refiner, Assayer, and Coiner.

Denomination	Weight	Fineness	
	grs. dec.	Gold.	Silver
Silver Dollar	412.48	.2	899.8
" "	412.10	.1	899.6
" "	412.07	.1	900.2
" "	412.5	.1	899.4
" "	412.75	.1	899.5

James Pollock
Supt
per ABB

April 29th 8

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 26th inst, announcing an "error" of 23c in the Computation of 1.205.750 Ozs. Silver Bullion Coined into Trade Dollars at the Subsidiary Silver Coin value, as appears in my Bullion a/cs of the 3rd quarter, 1877.

It seems proper that an explanation should be offered you as to the cause of this difference, and also one of 16c which you will find in the a/cs of the 4th quarter, under similar circumstances, and each of which I trust you me pass, as being unavoidable. The Coiner in making his daily deliveries of Trade Dollars to the Superintendent, gives and takes the extra fraction of the Cent alternately as nearly as may be, but when these are aggregated at the end of the Quarter there will be a difference such as these in question, brought about by the use or disuse of the extended fractions of a Cent. The most convenient way to adjust the difference is to allow it to pass in to Silver Profit & Loss a/c, or as in this case, to Cash, of the balance of the Silver Bullion on hand.

Please examine the question and if entirely Satisfactory after my explanation, authorize me to make an adjusting entry in a/cs of the 1st Quarter, 1878, now being prepared for transmission to the Department.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon. A. G. Porter
1st Comptroller
Washington.
D.C.

P.S. The differences are not losses, the Coin being pd. at the same rate as received from the Owners.

April 29 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 27th inst, has been received.

Your U. S. silver dollar of 1800, is worth about one dollar. It is the dollar of 1804 that is so rare and valuable, because less than a dozen were issued.

You should apply to coin dealers.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr E. A. Frick.
Baltimore.
Md

April 29 8

Globe National Bank.
Boston. Mass.

$1,000, currency received from you this morning by the Adams Express Co. for returns in subsidiary coin, is herewith returned.

The enclosed Treasury circular will show you how to proceed.

Very Respectfully,
Jas. Pollock
Supt

P.S.

Would it not be safer and more business like, to make your address and location a little more definite and intelligent than in this instance

J.P.

April 29 "

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions of the 20th 22d and 27th inst, overtime will be discontinued at the close of the current month, except when necessary in the manufacture of dies, and the receipt of silver bullion as stated in your letter of the 27th inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 29 8

Sir,

In accordance with the extension of time granted in your letter of the 27th inst, Mr Hunter will delay his departure for the Mint at San Francisco, until the 15th of May proximo and in the mean time will faithfully endeavor to make himself expert in turning and basinning dies.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
J. R. Snowden.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

April 29

Sir:

The rocks enclosed in yours of the 25th inst, are only quartz, containing mica, and of no value.

Very Respty
James Pollock
Supt
per W.E.P.

Mr. John Dalton.
Griffithsville
Lincoln Co
W Va

April 30 8

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th inst, has been received.

At the present price of silver bullion in London, Mexican dollars are worth at the Mint, 93 cents, each.

There is no material difference between Mexican dollars of 1871 and 1875.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Mr. A. Gullett

McKinney

Texas

April 30 8

Sir:

Directions have been given to coin the fine gold bars from the Asst Treasurer, U. S. at New-York into Eagles, Half Eagles, Quarter Eagles, and Three Dollar pieces, as specified in the instructions from the Secretary and yourself under date of the 27th and 29th inst, endorsed on the letter of Acting Asst Treasurer White, to Secretary Sherman dated the 26th of April inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

April 30th 8

Gentlemen

I enclose Check No. 6917 for Two hundred and eighteen thousand three hundred and nine $^{35}/_{100}$ (218.309^{35} Dollars, Gold Coin, in payment in full for Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint @ 120 $^{15}/_{16}$d per oz fine, from F. O. French. Memorandums will follow in due order of business.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs L. von Hoffmann & Co.
New York

April 30th 8

Sir.

I draw this day Check No. 6917 favor L. von Hoffmann & Co. New York, for $218.309.35, Gold Coin, in payment for Silver Bullion purchased from F. C. French.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

The Mint of the U.S.
at
Philadelphia Penn

April 30th 8

Statement of Silver Bullion purchased by the Director of the Mint, from F. O. French New York — per letter of advice dated March 26th 1878

Invoice Weight	Ozs	1.024.736.50
Fine Weight	Ozs	970.178.27
Value @	120 15/16 per oz fine $	1.173.309.35

Jas Pollock Supt

April 30 8

Sir.

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury, in my favor as Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, for the sum of Five Hundred (500) Dollars, in gold coin, to meet expenditures for the Refinery, for the month of May, 1878. with which I am to be charged and held accountable under my bond dated April 1. 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

April 30 8

Sir,

I herewith transmit my requisition of this date for the sum of $26,000 for the support of this Mint for the month of May, 1878. out of the following current appropriations.

Salaries	$1,000
Wages of Workmen	25,000

I also transmit a separate requisition for the sum of $500, in gold coin, for expenses of the Refinery, for the same month.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Peach
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

April 30th 8

Sir,

The standard silver dollar enclosed in your letter of the 26th inst, is a genuine coin. The peculiarities and differences that you have observed in the new silver dollars that you have examined, are owing entirely to the precipitate haste with which the first working dies had to be prepared to meet the public demand for these coins, and the improvements made in the dies since that time. The minor modifications of the dies have been completed, and there will be no difficulty hereafter. The dollar sent is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock Supt.

G. M. Bradley Esq. Ast.
U. S. Sub Treasury
Chicago. Ill.

Report of Carson April 30th 78 Bullion Fund to Treas. U.S.

Gold Coin, including Bars, Prozs, N.Y. a/c, &c –	$ 1802973 94
" Bullion, approx –	4978570 25
Silver Coin, incl. T.D., Std. Dollars, &c	630274 10
" Bullion, approx –	4105777 80
Total	$ 10577959 09

Denominations

Gold	$	Silver	
D.E.	530000	1/2 Dol –	142700
E.	147000	1/4 Dol –	211950
1/2 E	35100	Dimes	146320
1/4 E	112000	Std Dol –	58303
$3 –	1300	Double Dimes	35760
$1 –	242100	T.D.	7009507
Bars, Prozs &c	1107400	Bars Prozs &c	55393
N.Y. a/c	738399 94		
Total	$ 1802973 94	Total	$ 630274 10

Supt.

April 30

Sir,

I herewith transmit report of Coinage executed at this Mint during the current month of April.

This exhibits the unprecedented amount of $2,010,000, silver dollars coined in 26 working days; and is believed to represent a greater amount of work than has ever been executed in one month at any Mint.

This coinage represents fifty nine and a quarter (59¼) tons of silver; and to execute it, there were used eighteen (18) obverse, and thirty (30) reverse dies. During this month, April, each pair of dies averaged 83,750 pieces, against an average of 43,543 pieces per pair in March, showing greater care in preparing the dies, and greater durability, now than then.

To produce this months out-turn of coin, has required ceaseless effort and vigilence on the part of Officers and employes, and I think you will agree with me that the result reflects great credit upon this institution.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 30

Sir,

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint with the following result.

Gold	$1.795.868.9[illegible]
Silver	646.823.[illegible]
Refining & Parting a/c	62.9[illegible]
Ord a/c regular	18.887.[illegible]
Manufacture of Std dollars	15.617.[illegible]
Minor Coinage	69.937.[illegible]
" Coins Exchanged	4.9[illegible]6.[illegible]
" " Re-issued	12.9[illegible]3.[illegible]
" Coinage Redemption	222.6[illegible]4.[illegible]
	$2,78[illegible].[illegible]03.[illegible]

which corresponds with [illegible]

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

~~April~~ May 18

Dear Sir

Your samples No. 1 and 2 are varieties of limestone, of poor quality; No. 3 is quartz, with pebbles conglomerated. No value.

Yours &c.

Jas Read
Supt.

Mr Noah Varner
Nicholas Co
Ky

Cancelled

May 1. 8

Sir

In pursuance of your approval and directions, Mess. Orr, Hess and Morgan, have today made a contract to furnish a new cutting engine for the coiners department in sixty days from this date, for the sum of $2350. according to proposal and specifications.

~~I will thank you to return~~

the proposals of ~~Wm~~ Sellers & Co, and Orr, Hess & Morgan, to make a new arch for Coining Press No 7. I have your letter on the subject but you omitted to return the proposals.

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Very Respectfully

May 1 8

Sir

I have to request that twenty five blanks for monthly reports of official postage stamps be forwarded to me at your earliest convenience. I cannot transmit my report for the month of April, until they come to hand.

Very Respectfully

Jas H Bush

P. M.

Hon.
John Sherman
Secritary of the Treasury
Washington
D. C.

May 1 8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward

1. Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Re-issued and Exchanged, during the month of April 1878.

2. For the Secretary of the Treasury Statement of Minor Coinage operations during the same month.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 2 8

Sir

In reply to your requisition of the 1st inst. for an additional supply of dies for standard silver dollars for the Western Mints, I have to state that fifteen (5) pairs for the Mint at San Francisco, and five (5) pairs for the Mint at Carson will be forwarded by Express on Saturday, the 4th of May, inst.

We will be able to forward as many more from time to time as the service may require.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

May 2   8

Sir:

In pursuance of your approval and directions, Mess. Orr. Hess & Morgan, yesterday made a contract to furnish a new Cutting Engine for the Coiners department, in sixty days from this date, for the sum of $2.850. according to proposal and specifications.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

May 2 8

Gentlemen,

Your letter of April 27th has been received.

At the present price of silver bullion in London, Mexican silver dollars are worth at the Mint, as bullion, about ninety three (93) cents, each.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

Messrs.
Thos. H. Emerson & Bro.
McKinney
Texas.

May 2 8

Gentlemen.

Your proposal under date of April 12th to furnish a new cast iron arch for coining press No. 7. for the sum of $675. has been approved and accepted. Please have some member of your firm call at the Mint, to morrow, Friday the 3d inst, at one o'clock. P.M. to sign a formal contract for the same.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Wm Sellers & Co.
16th & Hamilton Sts
Philadelphia

May 2 8

Sir.

Your letter of April 26.th has been received.

Your button has been exchanged for one dollar in currency which I herewith enclose. It would cost you 50 cents to send it by Express. You will please acknowledge its receipt.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr. H. A. Patillo
Greensboro
Ga

May 2 8

Sir

Calling your attention to the enclosed copy of a communication on the subject from the Cashier of the Mint, I respectfully suggest that hereafter coin remainders on deposits for silver bars, and silver parted from gold, be paid in subsidiary silver coin. It will not affect the interests of the Government in any way, and will simplify business. Directions from you to make the rule uniform would give satisfaction here.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

May 3d   8

Sir:

Your letter of the 2d inst. has been received.

Your old Spanish quarters and halves, if not worn, would be worth at the Mint, by weight as bullion, about 92 cents on the dollar. We do not take any deposit of less value than $100, and after melting and assaying, to ascertain the exact value, we pay for them in the new silver dollars. You can put in any other old silver you may have, to make up the amount.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr. P. G. Seidel
Hamburg Pa

May 8 8

Sir:

Two hundred and forty six (246) tons of anthracite coal were used in this Mint in the month of April, 1878, as follows.

Department.	Tons.	Kind.
Melter & Refiner	87	Steamboat
Coiner	2	Blacksmiths
do	155	Egg
Assayer	2	do.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 8a 8

Sir,

We have no time here, to make the calculations called for in your letter of the 1st inst. I herewith send you the annual Mint report for 1876, which gives on pages 44-46, the weight in grains, troy, of each denomination of coin ever issued by the U. S. Mint.

The conversion of the sums you name from troy weight to avoirdupois, can readily be made for you by some one connected with the schools and colleges of your city.

Very Respectfully

Mr. L. W. Loder.
Poughkeepsie. N. Y.

May 3 8

Sir:

In accordance with your approval Wm Sellers & Co. have to day signed a contract to furnish a new cast iron arch for Coining press No. 7. in thirty nine days from this date, for the sum of $675. according to proposal and specifications.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 8

Sir,

Referring to the enclosed letter on the subject from the Cashier, Mr. Cobb, I refer to you the question of melting down the twenty cent pieces now on hand. If it can be done, it would be a relief to us, and in my judgment it is advisable that it should be done.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Telegram

May 4. 1878.

Samuel H. Travers & Son.
Corner Pratt Street and Spears Wharf
Baltimore. Md

Mexican dollars are worth at this Mint, as bullion, about ninety two cents, each.

Jas. Pollock
Supt. Mint

May 4   8

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending May 4. 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 14th 8

Sir:

The Amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day is 4.143.578.61 Standard Ozs. approximately

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 6   8

Sir

On the 3d of May inst, I forwarded fifteen (15) pairs of dies for standard silver dollars to the Mint at San Francisco, and have to day forwarded five (5) pairs of the same to the Mint at Carson, as per your general requisition of the 1st inst.

Express receipts herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington.

May 6 8

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 4th inst. with regard to the rates charged by the Adams Express Company for transporting subsidiary silver coin, I herewith transmit for your information a copy of a notice from Mr. L. Lovejoy, local Supt of that Company, to their Mint Agent, Mr Geo. C. Thompson, under date of December 16. 1876, that the rate for silver has been changed to one cent per mile per m, for all distances, to take effect from the previous April. The original contract was made with Secretary Boutwell, May 28. 1872.

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Very Respectfully
Jas Crawf
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 6 8

Sir,

I herewith transmit the oath of Office of Mrs. Susan De-Haas, Adjuster in the Coiners department of this Mint, who did not report for duty until this month.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 6 8

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Silver Workings in the Coiners department during April 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

May 6th 8

Sir;

I hand you herewith my accounts of "Standard Dollar" and "Refinery Expenses" for the Month of April 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

May 6 8

Sir:

I herewith forward the record of the experiments made in the Melter & Refiners department with Mr. A. E. Outerbridge's condensing apparatus to save volatilized precious metals, together with a report upon the subject by Prof. Booth M & R. You will observe that Prof. Booth's remarks are commendatory but judiciously cautious and conservative.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

May 6 8–

Sir.

I herewith forward, for the Secretary of the Treasury, C/D. #4195 from the Ass't Treasurer at Philadelphia, for $309.85 coin, on account of Parting, Refining and Bar charges.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 7 8

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will please make a requisition upon the Secretary of the Treasury, for two (2) dozen rolls of red tape, our supply forwarded by the Department for the current six months being very nearly exhausted; not more than enough on hand to last this week. It is indispensable in sealing kegs of specie.

Small rolls were sent me on my last semi-annual requisition, instead of large ones, and in consequence the supply furnished was much less than we needed, and I expected to receive. If I do not receive a further supply in time, shall I purchase here to meet our immediate wants?

The volume of Minor Coinage Redemption Certificates called for in my special requisition of April 4th has not yet come to hand. Our supply of these certificates is exhausted, and none can be issued until we are supplied with the necessary blanks for the purpose.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 7 8

Sir,

I herewith enclose a report by our Assayer, Prof. DuBois, upon two counterfeit pieces, trade dollar and half dollar, left by you for examination some two weeks ago. They are very light and therefore easily detected by weight, although in other respects remarkably well done.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

A. L. Drummond, Esq
731 Wood St
Phila

May 7 8

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 1st inst, I submit the following statements for the month of April, 1878.

1. Amount of standard silver dollars paid for silver parted from gold deposits, $722. In subsidiary silver coin, $51.07.

2. Amount of standard silver dollars paid for silver bullion purchased, $3,340. Subsidiary silver coin, $1200.

3. Amount of standard silver dollars exchanged for gold coin, $1,842.

These items will be reported monthly, hereafter, as requested

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 8   8

Sir

Your letter of the 7th inst has been received.

There is no provision of law for the redemption or exchange of silver coins. They are not redeemable.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

James M. Gossler, Esq Teller.
Lebanon
Pa

May 8   8

Sir:

Some of the transfer orders for standard silver dollars, call for amounts that are too large for convenient handling at one shipment, and it is very desirable that they should not be drawn for larger sums, in one order, than $100,000 or at most $150,000. Will you please confer with the Treasurer U. S. and see if this modification cannot be effected in future transfers. The enclosed copy is a communication from our Cashier explains the embarrassment caused by transfer orders for larger sums than those I have named.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 9 8

Sir:

I herewith transmit C/D No. 1512 for $16. silver coin, on currency transfer account; being the bullion value of $19.83 in mutilated silver 3¢ pieces specified in your letter (J.W.W.) of the 8d inst.

Mint Memorandum No. 181. enclosed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
Jas. Gilfillan.
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

May 9 8–

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 8th inst, has been received.

The standard weight and fineness of the silver coins you enquire about, is as follows.

	Grains	Fineness
Mexican dollars	416½	900
Trade dollars	420	900
New Silver dollar	412½	900

1,000 represents gold or silver that is absolutely pure, without any alloy.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs.
Grant & Aull.
29 So 3rd St
Philadelphia.

May 9 - 8

Sir,

I herewith transmit statements of Bullion Operations and Gold and Silver Meltings, in the Melters & Refiners department, for the months of March and April, 1878.

You will observe that since the making up of melts has been entrusted to Mr. Boyd, Assistant to the Melter & Refiner, the results are in the highest degree satisfactory.

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

May 9 8

Sir,

John C. Maxwell, on the general roll as assistant door-keeper, died yesterday, the 8th inst, of old age and debility, and his name will be dropped from the roll accordingly.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 9th 8

Sir;

I hand you herewith my a/c of Ordinary Expenses for the month of April 1878.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Crawford
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 9 8

Sir,

Enclosed herewith I forward.

1. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion during the month of April 1878. Also, Statement of Bars manufactured,

2. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited during the month of April, 1878.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Telegram

May 10. 1878

R. G. Lansing.
Care of Leonard, Howell & Co.
No. 58 Broadway, New York.

Letter received, After melting and assay will pay in standard silver dollars at the equivalent of the London price, less the Mint charges. Answer.

Jas. [illegible]
Supt. Mint

May 10

Sir:

I have your letter of the 9th inst. directing the melting down of all the 20¢ pieces now on hand, including the proof specimens now in proof sets. I would suggest that the order be modified so far as to except the latter from its operation. There are not many of them and it would avoid complicating our accounts.

I enclose a letter on the subject from the Cashier, whose appeal I endorse.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

May 10 8

Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst, with regard to the book for minor coinage redemption certificates called for in my requisition of the 4th of April last, has been received.

That book, I find, upon inquiry was duly received. The book that is needed, and that I should have inquired for in my letter of the 7th inst, if I had not been misled by the party reporting to me, was the book of receipts for minor coins sent in for redemption, called for in my requisition of April 19. ultimo, and which has not come to hand. We cannot issue these receipts until it comes.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Crawford

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.